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Blake Norton, archivist and curator for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center was recently recognized by the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums with the Archives Institutional Excellence Award.

Norton has been with CPN for eight years and is responsible for creating and maintaining a repository for the Nation’s archive and research collections. The Tribal Archive and Research Division retains the tangible keys to the spiritual, historical and cultural aspects of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its Neshnabek brethren.

“With the continued and esteemed support we receive from tribal administration, the community and colleagues,



I envision the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center to be the largest repository and respective research center of Citizen Potawatomi and Neshnabek culture and ethnology,” said Blake Norton. “We have the opportunity to utilize the valued resources we have to create and be at the center of a cultural preservation network that assists in educating and interconnecting all Potawatomi and Neshnabek communities.”

The collections, most of which are one-of-a-kind, include historical and cultural documents,

manuscripts, maps, photographic and genealogical material, and various forms of multimedia.

The Mezodan Research Center and Library, created to unite the Nation’s diverse collections with the tribal population and facilitate the education and edification of culture, history and heritage has more than 7,000 mixed-media resources. The Mezodan Library houses and makes accessible one of the most diverse collections of Eastern Woodland ethnology, language and history in both the region and among tribal libraries nationwide.

“I am humbled and filled with a great sense of pride knowing that we as a team, the Tribal Archive and Research Division and CHC staff, are fulfilling our mission of preserving and honoring the past by educating current and future generations,” added Norton.

The Tribal Archive and Research

Division is presented the Archives Institutional Award in recognition of its exemplary programs that are sparking a renewed cultural awareness, perpetuating historical ties and cultural traditions for future generations and strengthening the heritage of Potawatomi people.

The Archives Institutional Excellence Award recognizes indigenous archival organizations that demonstrate a significant commitment to the preservation and use of documentary heritage. Nominees are evaluated on their effectiveness in improving the documentary record through identifying and ensuring the preservation of records relating to tribal communities and topics; demonstrating success in raising public awareness of the importance of improving documentation; using innovative approaches to identifying and acquiring the records of tribal communities/topics; or using

effective and appropriate approaches to making records available to a broader public audience.

Past recipients are the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Seneca Tribal Archives and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Library.

Wadase update

We have become accustomed to Wadase Zhabwe’s presence here on the aviary grounds. She has spent the majority of her time here or nearby since her return to the aviary on May 10th.

We seem to have reached an arrangement that works for her. As long as she greets us for breakfast we work around wherever it is that she decides to hang out during the day and keep the property quiet and peaceful. She continues to amaze us as we learn so much from her as we watch her progress in her abilities as a hunter. There are days that she may skip breakfast, the GPS tells us she may be hunting on her own since she is making regular trips to the river nearby, but she always knows that she can come home for a free meal.

There have been times we have been able to observe her play. As she sits, perched atop the wigwam she would fly down to pounce on small sticks in the grass, mock killing them and carrying them back to the top of the wigwam and repeat the process over and over. This is a good sign that she is developing the necessary skills to hunt and as we see her catch live prey it is clear that she has put play into practice. We have seen her with everything from squirrel, turtle, and opossum. The turtle was a puzzle that took her quite awhile to figure out but after several attempts of tossing and pouncing much like the stick she had played with so many times before, she was successful.

There are times in the early morning when she flies in for breakfast that she opts to pass over the platform where we feed her and lands on the top of the aviary. She is always greeted with a round of calls from the eagles she once shared a home with and most likely thinks of



Watching the rising flood waters from her perch on the wigwam frame.

them as her parents. She is learning that there is no ceiling or limit to her flight as she continues to gain strength and skills and she looks inside the enclosures, curious why they don’t follow her out as she flies away.

Our day depends largely on hers. We try to give her the space she needs to feel comfortable and try not to disrupt her. She runs the show. We try to mow and complete the yard work during the times when she isn’t right near the aviary. We have even had tour groups come in the back door rather than disrupt her and make her leave her favorite perch. The PLP students were one of the fortunate groups that had the opportunity to view her sitting right outside the front door of the aviary enclosures. We are hopeful that she will continue to frequent the property as she continues to mature.

This has been an incredible season; spring in Oklahoma was tumultuous to say the least. We were fortunate to have only minor wind damage here at the Aviary grounds. However, with those storms came tremendous rains and hard winds. On one of those nights we awoke to large limbs down and no sign of her anywhere.

We knew where she was perched at dark and were concerned for her safety when we could not locate her.

Searching the property with the latest GPS, we found her soaked and disoriented out in the front pasture. She actually looked relieved to see us. She was on the ground, feet covered in mud and we feared she could be hurt from being blown out of the tree or from spending the night on the ground where she could have been vulnerable to predators. She came closer for food we placed near the edge of the pasture, but did not fly. She spent hours sitting on the gatepost as she hung her wings down and open to dry out.

We waited. After several hours past and she was no longer water logged she flew to her wigwam and called loudly, as if she was announcing that she had once again lived up to her new name and had survived another great battle. Although, those rains all across the state were going to cause the river to flood and as we secured things around the property we worried for her safety and wondered what she might think and if this might make her leave the area.

Once the river began to creep out of its banks, the property started to flood; with night coming we could only wait. The next morning we awoke to more than 2/3rds of the property under water and she returned to her platform for breakfast. Once she finished eating she went back to her wigwam, which was now surrounded by water. She would make short flights and return to the platform or the wigwam or what little yard wasn’t under water. She seemed as nervous as we were.

Eventually the Aviary itself was

an island; we had turtles, snakes, spiders and bugs of all kind searching for the safety of higher ground. The rising water even trapped one raccoon, which paced around the enclosures, too afraid to swim to a nearby tree. She finally settled for the evening once again on her wigwam and as long as it didn’t float away she was safe. The following morning we were happy to know the river had crested and eventually the water would recede, and she was safe atop the wigwam.

We were glad to see spring go and summer arrive, even if it meant hotter weather. We were ready for drier weather and hopefully less severe storms. Our routine continued much the same as we began to prepare for the CPN Heritage Festival.

Most of the time Wadase would hang around until the sun was fully on her wigwam and she would go further down the creek to seek a cooler shaded perch, we hoped that she would stay for the morning tours of the aviary.

Without a disruption in our routine two weeks before festival she was gone. Days past and when the GPS was in we learned she was back at the Iron Horse Bridge on the river. Had she learned to fish with the floodwaters gone and the river back to normal? Would she be back? We couldn’t be sure.

Our attempts to spot her along the river were not successful. One morning seven days after her departure, there she was, as if nothing had ever changed. She was waiting on breakfast. Once tours began during the festival, many tribal members had the opportunity to see her perched atop her wigwam. Many of those tribal members were excited to see her since they had been the previous year when we had little hopes of her being releasable.



What an incredible year it has been. We could not have imagined having the opportunity to release an eagle so soon. We will continue to monitor her progress here as long as she allows us. Winter will bring eagles into the state as they look for unfrozen lakes and streams to fish and when spring comes back we do not know if she will stay or if the urge to migrate arises we may see her leave with the birds who wintered here. We can only hope that she might stay and find a mate here in the future. Only time will tell.



On the platform at sunrise.



Atop the aviary.



Flying over the aviary.

PLP Features

Potawatomi Leadership Program welcomes 10 students for 2013 class

The Potawatomi Leadership Program has been in place since 2003 and serves to educate young tribal members on CPN and give them workplace experience and knowledge for their college and future careers. The program is only open to enrolled tribal members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is limited between 8 to 10 students.

This year’s program began June 24 and ended on August 2, 2013.

PLP students devote 6 weeks to work as interns at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Students participated in group activities including a naming ceremony and spent time with each CPN program.

For 2013, the ten students ranged in age from 18-20 and came to CPN from Oklahoma, Maine, Colorado, Oregon, California, Louisiana and Texas.



Gage Johnson is 18 years old and a member of the Greemore family from Seminole, Okla.. He will be a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University in the fall.

“When I was in sixth grade, my older sister attended PLP and had a life-changing experience. Since then, I have anxiously awaited my opportunity to take part in this prestigious program. I have learned invaluable

information about our culture, heritage, and language. Also, I have learned so much about how the tribe operates and its enterprises. One thing has been extremely obvious throughout this entire experience. The tribe's main goal is to serve its people and preserve our ways.”

Regarding his most memorable experience out of his six weeks serving the tribe, Gage brought

up the PLP’s use of a spiritual sweat lodge.

“It was memorable because we actually built a sweat lodge ourselves. We cut our own bows for the structure, soaked them in the pond in order to shape them, and basically did it all our own. Then we participated in the spiritual sweat, and it was intense.”

Gage will study Applied Ministry and will make history at his college, Oklahoma Baptist University as a member of the college’s first football team since 1940.



Katlyn Anderson is 18 years old and a member of the Nadeau and Ford families from Enid, Oklahoma. She will be attending Northern Oklahoma College in the fall.

“I wanted to learn more about my family’s history and be exposed to more of the culture. I wanted to know more about who I am. I have learned some words from my native tongue. I also

learned what happens at the powwows and was privileged to participate in one. I have learned what a sweat is, and I am currently learning how to make a sweat. I am also learning all of the different kinds of departments that the tribe has.”

Katlyn had not been to Shawnee prior to the PLP program.

“I hope to know a lot about my

culture and be able to take what I learn and teach my family about what I have learned. This experience has really opened my eyes and has given me experiences that I’d never take back.”

Katlyn plans to continue her education and obtain her degree in elementary education.

“I enjoyed learning about the

history of the tribe and would love to do this all over again. It was an amazing experience. The different stories and departments were very informative. I was blown away by the passion that everyone has.

Kate will spend the summer playing basketball and preparing for her first year of college.



Miranda Hazelton is 18 years old and a member of the Peltier family from San Antonio, Texas. Miranda will be a freshman at the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall.

“PLP was the perfect combination of the two things I was looking for: knowledge of my heritage, and an internship to prepare myself for college. I’ve learned

things from how to fringe to how our government works. Every day is something new, and sometimes it’s a lot to take in, but I’m excited for everything I have yet to learn.”

Miranda had previously been to Shawnee for festival in 2010.

“I want this to be the starting point for my involvement in the

tribe. I want to go from here and keep learning, keep with it any way I can, and then bring it all back to my family and get them involved too.”

Miranda will major in modern languages, and hopes to become an interpreter, and then to use that career to travel the world.



Nelson Wadman is 20 years old and a member of the Pettifer family from Milwaukie, Oregon. Nelson will be a sophomore at Idaho State University in the fall.

“I was interested in the PLP Program because I wanted to learn more about my tribe and what I can do to help it. I have learned some of the language, some of the dances, some of our tribes’ history, some of my family

history, and a lot of the tribal customs and culture.”

Nelson had never been to Oklahoma before the PLP program.

“I like Oklahoma and everyone is really nice. I have grown from this experience and I have definitely become more in touch with my Potawatomi heritage.”

wish to learn more about.”

Sarah had been to Shawnee for the Family Reunion Festival once before the PLP program.

“The PLP program gave me a lot of insight into my tribe. I’ve always associated myself with Potawatomi, but never fully understood what that meant.”

Sarah plans to attend the

“I hope to learn more about my family's history and really take ownership of my family's culture.”

After college Nelson plans to either go to medical school or go into law enforcement.

“I would suggest the PLP program for anyone. It’s a life changing experience that makes you think, not only about your

own future, but also the future of our people.

Nelson will spend the rest of his summer visiting with family and getting ready for rugby season. He plays rugby in the Utah Rugby Union.



Sarah Sandlin is 18 years old and a member of Tescier family from Topsham, Maine. She will be attending the University of Richmond as a freshman in the fall.

“I applied for the PLP program so I could have the opportunity to learn about and feel more a part of my tribe. I have learned that my tribe has a rich culture, one that I’m very proud of and

University of Richmond to study Political Science.

“I hope to explore a lot of things in college and I’ll probably end up in Graduate School as well.”

Sarah will spend the remainder of her summer in Maine with family.

“If you’re passionately curious about your tribal identity, you

should participate in the PLP program. The past six weeks have changed the way I think about myself and what I thought the tribe was.”



Bradley Archer is 20 years old and a member of the Ogee and Weld families from Milliken, Colo. Bradley will begin his sophomore year at Western State Colorado University in the fall.

“I was Interested in PLP program because I have been wanting to learn about my culture since my grandpa Clarence Smith told me about the Potawatomi Nation. After he passed away I knew it was time for me to see what the

Potawatomi Nation was all about.”

Bradley had been to Shawnee twice for festival before joining the PLP program.

“I have learned that I am an Ogee/ Weld and figured out how my family is ordered. Before this trip I had no idea how we were Potawatomi, but we just knew someone down the line was. Learning about the different departments is fascinating because

of the way the tribe puts together many different pieces of a puzzle to make a beautiful nation.”

Bradley studies film and photography at Western State Colorado University and is a certified Master Electrician, an accolade he picked up as part of his college preparation.

“After college my goal is to be able to come back and give back to the tribe for giving me this

wonderful opportunity to be a part of the Potawatomi Leadership Program. I respect everything the tribe is doing; just looking around at all the things the tribe is doing for a member is awesome in terms of how we are giving back.”

Bradley was named during his time in the 2013 PLP program. Mnokwabaset, his Potawatomi name, means “He seeks to prepare for Spring”.



Emma Brant is 18 years old and is a member of the Ogee and Weld families from Taylor Lake Village, Texas. Emma will be attending The University of Tulsa as a freshman this fall.

“I was interested in the PLP program because I didn’t have any knowledge of the Potawatomi culture or any of my heritage. So far I have learned about powwows, my native language, and

all of the different ways the tribe helps our members.”

This is Emma’s first trip to Shawnee.

“I am hoping to take back all of the traditions that I have learned and teach my family, who don’t know very much about our culture.”

Emma plans to become a speech

pathologist and work with children in an elementary school.

“I loved my time here. Coming here I was very nervous and I know now that I made the right choice because of the cultural experience I’ve gained an all of the lifelong Potawatomi friends I now have.”

Emma will spend the rest of the summer in Texas working and

getting ready for school.

“I was really surprised about how many departments there are and how big the tribe is. I had never been here and I wasn’t sure what to expect.”



Breeanna Hamilton is 20 years old and a member of the Johnson Family from Laverne, Calif. Breeanna is a junior at California State University and studies fine art.

“The cultural immersion is what interested me in the program. I didn’t know much about CPN when I applied and I had a desire to learn anything someone would teach me. I have learned so much

over the course of the last three weeks, from subjects ranging from language to the inner workings of tribal government.”

This is her first time to visit Shawnee Okla., and the trip changed some of her perceptions about what life is like in Indian Country.

“In California, there are misconceptions about how

Native Americans live, a lot of stereotypes about reservations. I knew that wasn’t true, but when we got here and I saw all the tribe’s businesses and services, it really was something I didn’t expect. CPN’s doing pretty good from what I see.”

“Eventually I hope to gain knowledge about my tribe that I can use for myself and teach to the other Potawatomi in my

family so we may begin more traditions to pass on to the next generation.”

She says that eventually she would like to turn her academic training in fine arts into a career in body art.



Anthony Lacombe is 20 years old and a member of the Ogee and Weld families from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Anthony is a junior at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

“I wanted to learn more about my culture and have a better understanding of my heritage. So far I have learned some of the language and I’ve learned a lot

about how successful our tribe is.”

This is the second time that Anthony has been to Oklahoma.

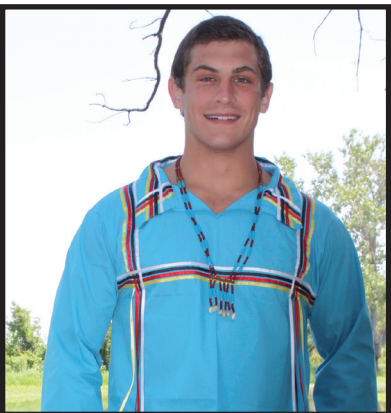
“I hope that I can absorb as much information as possible and pass it on to my family back home. This program is still growing and getting better year after year. I enjoyed my experience.”

Anthony is a mechanical engineering major and hopes to work in the Gulf of Mexico as an underwater welder after graduation.

“It really surprised me how the tribe has grown in the last 27-30 years. I see no signs of it slowing down in growth either.”

Anthony will spend the rest of

the summer at home and hopes to have time to go wakeboarding with friends and family.



Brian Wojahn is 19 years old and is a member of the Vieux family from Portland, Ore. He is currently a sophomore at Oregon State University.

“I was interested in the PLP because I knew it would be a wonderful opportunity to make something very special of this summer and additionally to learn about my ancestors. I knew that the PLP would offer me this

gateway so I became very hopeful to be accepted to come along. In a broad sense, I have learned quite a range of information. Some of the things that I learned have included things like: how our enterprises work to generate us revenue, the services we offer to our tribe and the community, and how important our sovereignty is to our development.”

Brian has visited Shawnee numerous times to visit family in the area.

“I hope to leave this experience with a deeper spiritual connection in myself due to our sweat, a deeper understanding of our history, some insight to the job world of CPN, and a little Potawatomi language along the way.”

Brian is an exercise and sports science major in a pre-physical therapy track.

Day of Champions Camp brings Huepel coaches, youth to Citizen Potawatomi Nation



Ken Huepel coaches youth at the Day of Champions Camp

Josh and Ken Huepel, along with other top NFL and collegiate players and coaches, brought the Day of Champions camp to Shawnee to work with local youth. The camp was held July 1-2 at The Ball Fields at FireLake and nearly 100 youth attended.

The camp was hosted by Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Day of Champions Inc., which was founded by Ken Huepel, Northern State University coach,

and son, Josh, the 2000 national champion OU quarterback and current offensive coordinator.

“Chairman Barret and Vice Chairman Linda Capps have spearheaded this camp and given the agreement their support,” said Heupel. “The camp has built on that foundation each and every year and we get to encourage and mentor more youth. We’re very excited to be here working with youth in this area.”

This is the eighth year for the camp at Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Each day camp participants were divided into teams to learn basic football skills and fundamentals for sports and life. The camp bases all activities on four principles: discipline, respect, trust and hard work.

Thad Williams, 12, who has attended camp for five years said “I come back because it teaches

me new things, makes me work hard and teaches me life lessons. I really enjoy working with the coaches and will ask my parents to come back next year.”

Another youth attending camp, Mitchell James, 10, said “I had fun learning the linebacker position and learning running and football exercises.”

The CPN-sponsored camps are open to all enrolled Native

American youth or children of CPN employees for a price of \$15 for two days of camp. Lunch, a t-shirt and other refreshments included. At this year’s event, 75 percent of attendees were Native American. Of that number, 50 percent were enrolled members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Josh Heupel Golf Tournament returns for second year at FireLake Golf Course

For the second year in a row, FireLake Golf Course hosted the Josh Heupel #14 Foundation Golf Tournament on July 8. The tournament is a significant fundraising opportunity for the foundation. There was also be a putting, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests, each with cash prizes of their own. A silent auction will take place featuring items from local sports teams, football and basketball memorabilia from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

“We’d done this tournament in Tulsa for the foundation,” explained Coach Ken Heupel, who helped organize the event. “With the relationship I’ve had with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Sarah Lawerance and I were speaking and I thought it’d be a great location for us to

do this.”

Josh Heupel, who currently serves as offensive coordinator for the University of Oklahoma, played a hole with each team during the tournament.

There were cash prizes for first, second and third place finishers in the two competing flights. Organizers have space for up to 36 teams, with each team consisting of a four person scramble paying an entry fee of \$500.

“It’s a great opportunity to raise money for a good cause,” explained CPN’s Sarah Lawerance. “The fee is also a tax write off and you get to play a hole with OU’s Offensive Coordinator. Not many people can say that.”

The #14 Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated



Participants put on hole number three at the Josh Huepel Golf Tournament.

to making a positive impact on the lives of children in need. Founded in 2001 by Josh Heupel, the #14 Foundation seeks to enable children to achieve their

goals and dreams. Heupel’s own life and experiences as a national championship winning quarterback at the University of Oklahoma were the inspiration

for the foundation’s creation, and fund raisers like the Josh Heupel #14 Foundation Golf Tournament help fund these efforts.

Youth campers learn good exercise and life habits at CPN Summer Camp Program

As part of the youth Summer Camp program at the CPN Gym, Sarah Lawrence-Kessler of the FireLake Wellness Center has been running a health and wellness program for attendees.

“With this generation, it is always good to have some structured time for exercise,” explained Lawerance. “Some stay inside and play video games, while others don’t live in areas that are safe for them to play outside or have parents who are just too tired after working all day to take them to a park. We’re just trying to increase movement in order to encourage them to be more active.

“We try to camouflage exercise with learning because I don’t like to use either as punishment. In terms of staying active, when kids who see exercise as a punishment become adults, they have an aversion to it. Either a coach used it as a punishment



Campers play Fitness Skillastics, a game involving calisthenics and math skills.

for not hitting the free throws in a basketball game, or they were picked last in gym class. We try to reinforce some positive experiences while they exercise for later in life.”

The summer program is open for ages of 12-18 years old, and each week, along with exercise, a new

theme aims to teach youth about the things they will be facing in life as they get older.

“We decided to develop themes based on a community needs survey that we completed with over 150 local youth and parents in 2011,” said BJ Trousdale, Coordinator of the Tribal Youth

Program. “Our goal at the P.L.A.C.E. and in the Tribal Youth Program at CPN is to provide youth with quality well-balanced services which address multiple needs of this generation while also connecting them with their traditional Native American culture and community.”

During ‘High School/College Week’, youth learn about the things they’ll have to do to succeed as they progress in their education. Counselors instruct youth on what to expect to prepare for tests like the ACT and SAT, and give them insights on what it takes to succeed in their higher education.

Counselor Taylor Cooper, who will plays Division I basketball, explained her motivation in working the camps. “A lot of the kids want to play sports in college. We’ve just gone through it or are going through it now.

So having us here to answer questions helps them.”

During ‘Finance Week’, campers learn how to manage money by balancing a checkbook. ‘Manners Week’ instructs youth on things like cell phone etiquette and the common courtesies of using terms like ‘Thank You, ‘Sir’ and ‘Ma ‘am’. The camp’s participants also interact and dine with tribal elders in order to foster a closer bond between two distinct sections of the local community.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the summer program or the tribe’s FireLodge Youth Council, contact either Michael Logan (michael.logan@potawatomi.org) or BJ Trousdale (bjtrousdale@potawatomi.org).

Language with Justin

By Justin Neely

The Potawatomi scavenger hunt during the recent Family Festival was a great success. We had teams scouring the festival grounds looking for clues. The first clue was included in your festival registration bag and said in Potawatomi that the clue was on the West door of the old Potawatomi church.

The only rule we had was that people could not ask members of the language department for assistance. I heard folks were asking all kinds of people for

help though, which helps get knowledge of the language out there. I also heard stories of people jumping over fences in search of a "pkan tree", which means nut. Though sometimes it can mean something else.

Overall, everyone that turned in their results won. We had some great prizes, some which were donated. Even then we had some folks say that for as much fun as they had, they didn't need a prize and didn't turn in their bags.


If you got more than eight clues you were put in one drawing. If you got more than 4 you were put in another and finally for just for participating, teams were also included. The language department will be mailing your prizes out the week of July 22. Hopefully by the time your August Hownikan arrives, so will your prize. Migwetch for participating we all had a good time with this.

- \$100 Gift Card
Kelley Hernandez
 - Pendleton Dish Set
Robert Lewis
 - Black Ash Basket
Zshaynelle Lee
 - Sweet Grass Basket
Esthes Adkison
 - \$75 Gift Card
Collin Schlachtun
 - Stone Turtle Stone
James Miller
- Feather Box and Shirt
Angel Sifuentes
 - Cachina
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 - Floral Purse and Metal Feather
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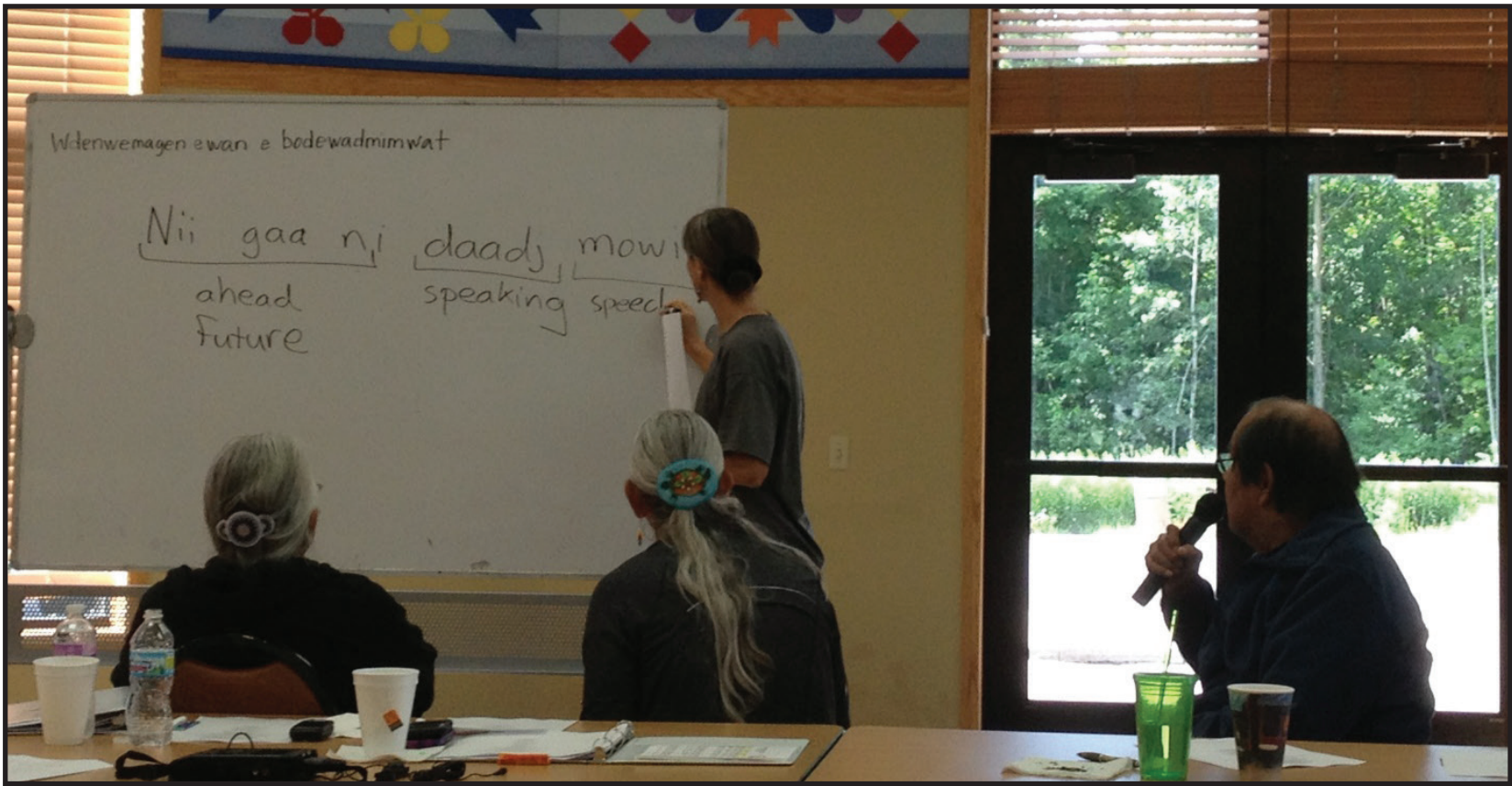
Language department travels to Potawatomi immersion camp

From the July 15-19, CPN's Language Department's Justin Neely and Randy Schlachtun traveled to the Forest County Potawatomi reservation to take part in a series of language immersion classes.

"We were able to speak Potawatomi and learn about the more complex forms of the language such as obviation so as to better help others in Oklahoma," explained Neely. "We also were able to hear more of the language and participate in a number of cultural activities like making moccasins, drying corn, making food, and playing Indian dice at the same time."



Randy Schlachtun shucks corn using Potawatomi language instructions.



CPN member Lindsay Jones Marean reviews the morning language lesson.

Each morning, Potawatomi from across the nine North American bands began the day by reviewing sentence structure and grammar. These exercises were led by CPN tribal members Lindsay Jones Marean and Thomas Loftis.

"We had the privilege of listening to and working with a number of Potawatomi like Jim Thunder, Mary Jane Thunder, Billy Daniels Jr., Lillian Rice,

Stewart King, Leo Nadeau, Pom Jan Hubbard," said Neely.

The immersion camp is an excellent opportunity for speakers of Potawatomi to meet and share their language, many of whom have been speaking it for many years. For participants like Schlachtun and Neely, the opportunity to simply sit and socialize in the tribe's ancient tongue was the best parts of the

entire trip.

"The most important thing is that we are using our language. I remember for the first time in over ten years ever having a conversation with one person in Potawatomi and at the same time hearing another group of folks within earshot carrying on in our language," said Neely. "This is what we are shooting for. It is like we always tell our students

"Remember to use your language no matter what you know. Don't be afraid to use it'."

If you'd like to learn more, visit www.potawatomi.org/lang. The Language Department is always interested in hearing back from tribal members and has created a survey for potential students here.

Potawatomi constellation story – Why The Bear Has a Short Tail

Long ago, the ancestor of today's bears looked somewhat different from his modern day descendants; most notably he had a very long tail. One long winter, the bear was very hungry, and spent many hours fishing on a frozen lake with little success, having only caught three small fish.

The fox, watching from some distance, approached the bear and said "I have a technique that can help you catch many more fish than that. You'll be eating for days. If I show you how, all you

have to do is give those fish you caught. They're far too small to fill you up anyway."

The bear thought about it and agreed, and gave the fox the small fish to eat. As the fox finished, the bear became hungrier and began to get angry. He demanded that the fox show him how to catch as many fish as he could eat.

"Dig a hole in the ice," said the fox, and the bear punched a hole in the frozen lake with his paws. "Next thing you want to do is put that long tail of yours down in

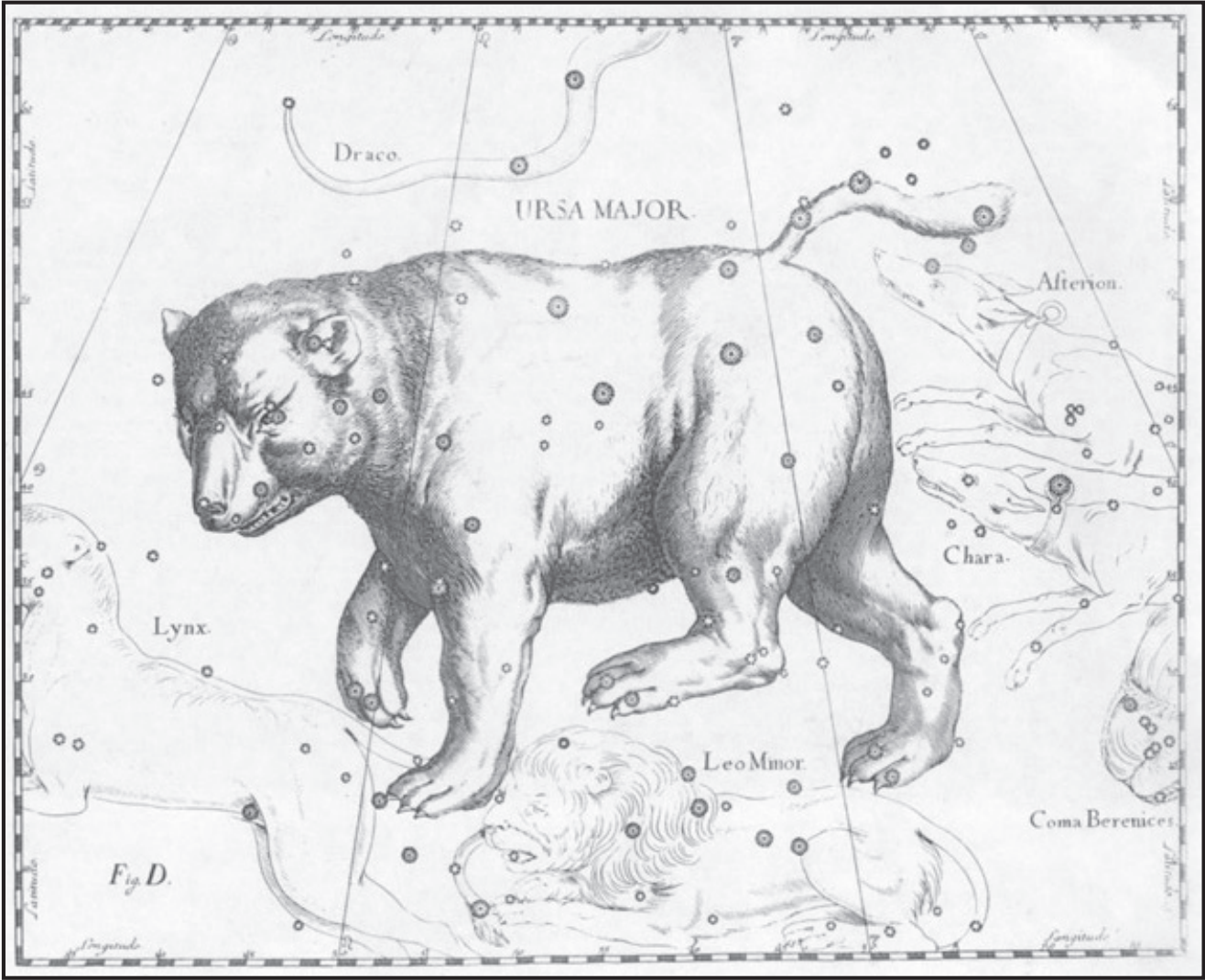
the water and wait. After a few minutes, a fish will take a bite of your tail, and all you have to do is pull it out of the water. Just keep doing that and you'll catch as many fish as you could ever want."

Satisfied with this plan, the bear sat down over the hole he had dug, his tail dangling in the cold water. Seeing this, the fox ran off across the lake at a quick pace, occasionally looking back over his shoulder at the bear sitting over the hole in the ice.

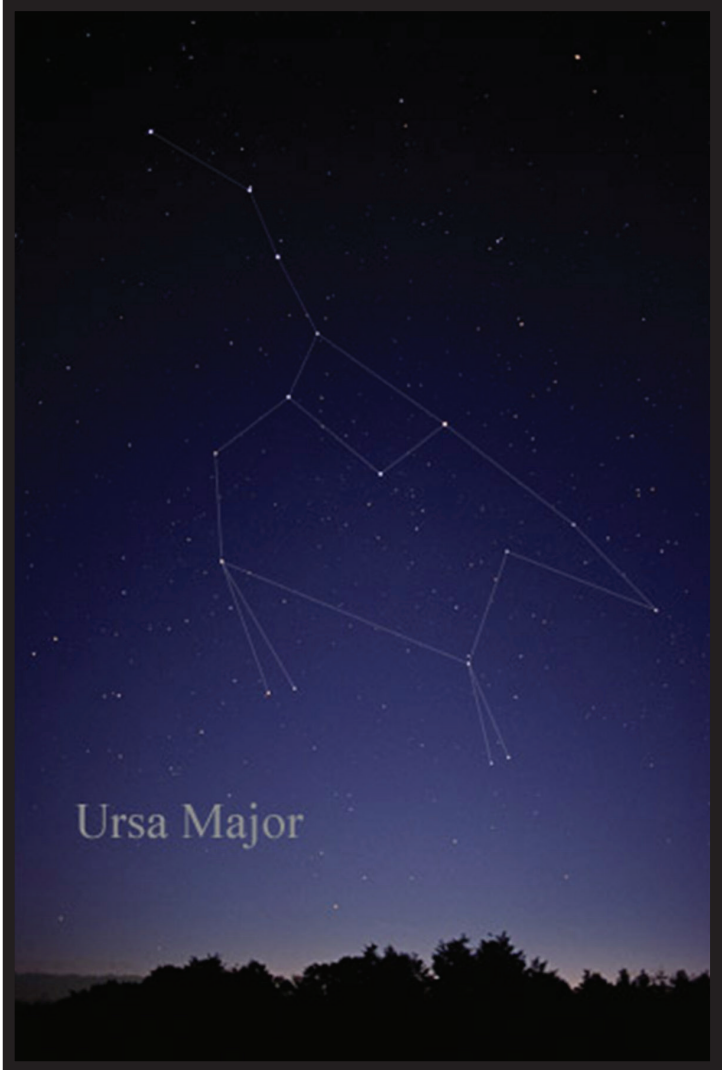
Before long, the bear felt a bite at the end of his tail. Thinking he didn't want to keep putting his tail back in the cold lake, he decided to wait until he had several bites at once before hauling his it up. He hoped to catch a large batch of fish all at once rather than pull them out one-by-one. A few minutes later, the number of bites increased and he finally decided it was time to pull his tail out, so he jumped up as fast as he could. Turning around to see how many fish he'd caught, bear noticed his tail was frozen into the iced over hole. What was left was a short,

stubby version of the longer tail.

The point of the story was an ancient way to describe the constellation of Ursa Major, which is visible most of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The knowledge of constellations and use of stars was vitally important to the Potawatomi, especially during their time living around the Great Lakes region. Travelers would use the stars as a means of navigating the lakes, especially important given their immense size.



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The Bear with a long tail. Source: www.allthesky.com

Potawatomi Cornerstone

By Charles Clark, Director Tribal Rolls

Welcome to this month's edition of the Potawatomi Cornerstone. In this issue I would like to introduce Carter Sampson, whose ancestral family is the Greemores. If you read the last edition of the Hownikan you are already familiar with her tornado relief efforts in Pottawatomie County. This article takes it a step further with her music career.

Like many of our tribal members, Carter's roots are embedded in music. Having the late great Roy Orbison as a cousin this talent was bound to end up in someone's blood in the family.

At the age of fifteen Carter picked up her first guitar and never stopped playing. Since then she has recorded three albums, received several awards for her singer-songwriting abilities, and is currently participating as a mentor at the Rock & Roll Camp for girls in Los Angeles after which she will resume her tour.

Carter composes and sings a variety of music ranging from bluegrass to traditional folk songs reminiscent of Woody Guthrie, easy listening and adult contemporary. But no matter how you catalog it, when she belts out a tune, you are definitely listening to something special from an accomplished artist.

Her first album, Fly over the moon," came out in 2004, with twelve songs. In 2009, her second album, "Good for the meantime," included eleven songs. And her more recent album, "Mockingbird Sing," released on 11/11/11, an album in which friends and fans came together to

help her record the album "old school" using an analog reel to reel tape recorder to capture the real sound not quite captured by today's digital recording devices. There are twelve tracks on the album, eleven composed and arranged by Carter and the twelfth track, "John Hardy," one of her favorite's that was previously recorded by Woody Guthrie.

It is interesting to note that the song "John Hardy" was based on the life of a railroad worker that killed a man during a craps game and hanged in 1894 for the crime of murder. And though Woody Guthrie may have popularized the song in his time, a whole host of artists over the years have paid tribute to this classic including Manfred Mann, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and Jerry Reed. And thanks to Carter, she gives new life to an old but classic song of Americana.

During this interview, Carter was in L.A. donating her time and talents to help out with girls, ages 8-17, at the Rock & Roll Camp for Girls. Originally starting in Portland, Ore. in 2001, the camp now serves over forty-five locations throughout the United States. It is a two-week non-profit camp that builds girl's self-esteem through music and performance. They pick out an instrument, compose a song and perform it at the end of the session. And though the days are long Carter has had the best time of her life working with these kids.

After a brief hiatus, Carter plans to resume her tour in her new RV. Starting in Santa Fe NM on



Carter Sampson.

August 13, she will be performing at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. She will return to Oklahoma City where she will be at Grandad's on the 17th. Her travels will take her east to Guthrie Green in Tulsa, Okla., on August 18, the Movie Lounge at Ft. Smith, Ark. on August 23 and to top off the month at the Fayetteville Roots Festival in Fayetteville, Ark. on August 24. After that you will need to visit her web site at www.cartersampson.net for upcoming shows and if you are interested in purchasing her albums or individual downloads. You can also view many of her performances on YouTube.

During her career, Carter has picked up a handful of accolades. In 2012 she was named a Top 12 Finalist in the 2012 Mountain Stage NewSong contest and performed her song "Tomorrow's Light" at the Lincoln Center in New York City. To note her talent, there were over 2,000 entries. Only twelve artists were selected

and invited to play at the Lincoln Center. That same year she was named the best female singer-songwriter at the NW Arkansas Music Awards. In 2013, Carter was given an honorable mention in the Telluride Bluegrass Festival Troubadour Contest in Telluride, Colo.

Some of her performances include Amnesty International's "Groovefest" in Norman, Okla. the Paseo Arts Festival in Oklahoma City, the OKC Festival of the Arts, the Illinois River Jam and the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in Okemah, Okla.

I asked Carter about what one of the most important aspects of her career is. She said that writing, to her, was one of the most important. Although performance is a thrill in front of a large crowd, writing is her inner strength. It is "the artistic process" she said. She has

written a lot of songs, many that she hasn't played in a long time and some, she admitted, would have to go back over and re-learn. The "biggest step" she said in composing music was when she started writing about her own life.

"Sort of like you can't sing the blues unless you've been there." I said.

When asked about what being Potawatomi means to her, Carter didn't hesitate. She said that it puts her "...on a spiritual level ... where I'm from."

And the one thing "...my grandmother always told me was to remember who you are..."

Growing up she really didn't understand. But now, in her travels, and meeting people Carter understands what her grandmother meant. That is she is a Potawatomi and will always be a part a big family, no matter where and who you are.

If you know someone who has an interesting story, please contact me, at cclark@potawatomi.org.



Sampson's album 'Mockingbird Sing'.



Lieutenant Hendrickson (pictured left) receives his promotion from CPN Police Chief Dr. Jim Collard.

Hendrickson promoted to patrol lieutenant

In a ceremony at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation courtroom, Officer Mike Hendrickson was promoted to the rank of patrol lieutenant. Hendrickson, who was previously a sergeant, received his promotion from Judge Phillip Lujon and Chief Jim Collard in front family, friends and other CPN employees.

"Making rank is a big deal," said Chief Collard. "It's earned, not given. Lieutenant Hendrickson has certainly earned his (lieutenant's) bar."

"I just hope that God will grant me the wisdom and courage to perform this job diligently with compassion," said Lieutenant Hendrickson following the promotion ceremony.

In his new role, Hendrickson will be taking over more administrative assignments in addition to his current duties, and is CPN P.D.'s head training officer. Hendrickson is a member of the CPN diplomatic security team training and conduct's live shooter exercises that officers must go through on a regular basis.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department was founded more than two decades ago to protect tribal assets and employees, increase public safety and enhance the general well-being of the community.

Veterans have a CPN member looking out for them with the VA

A decade after the invasion of Iraq and nearly 12 after the start of the war in Afghanistan, another generation of American veterans is returning to the United States in need of support. The most frightening aspect facing current returnees is that in 2012, suicides by veterans outpaced casualties of those in the war zone.

While services like the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs aim to help vets from current and previous conflicts, the VA's paperwork can be overwhelming. In order to help Native American veterans with the system, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs established the TRIP program. The training program, which is certified by the federal government, teaches tribal representatives the processes of helping their veterans gain access to VA assistance. CPN's own Clyde "Rowdy" Yates is the tribe's Veterans' Service Officer, and was one of the first three in the entire state of Oklahoma in 2009.

Yates, a member of the Wilmett family, is a Vietnam veteran. He was a member of the elite Radio Research Unit of the Army

Security Agency. Still unable to speak about some details of his assignment, he has dedicated the last few years to helping recently returned vets and those from previous conflicts with VA applications. His role is purely voluntary, and while he receives support from the tribe and an office in the CPN Employment and Training Building in Tecumseh, Yates is unpaid for the work.

For those returning from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, Yates hopes to provide them with some guidance that his generation missed upon their return from Vietnam. His advice to them is to put their experiences down on paper so they can be dealt with in a productive manner, and not return as flashbacks. The notion of PTSD is no longer the taboo it once was, and Yates speaks openly about the need for returning soldiers to get their memories out rather than trying to suppress them by will power or other means.

He relates the sobering statistics for Vietnam vets, pointing out that "around 30 percent of the three million Vietnam veterans are still alive. Those are the ones who



Yates, seen presently and during his service in Vietnam.

came home, and there are a lot of suicides and deaths from Agent Orange. I'm trying to show these younger guys that we've tried it our way, going it alone and it isn't the best approach. That's why I tell them to write their traumatic and physical experiences while in military service down on paper, so they can deal with it and not have it creep up on them."

The return of Afghanistan and Iraq vets has put an increased focus on the Veterans Administration and its treatment of the nation's warriors. At the

same time older generations of veterans now require the care typical for an aging population. Yates experience working with the VA comes in handy in these cases. Especially when he points out that the VA recently changed its position from a time when it only treated injuries and illnesses sustained during military duty.

"Serving Native Americans is my motivation, especially if I can act as a go-between for those veterans and a government they may not fully trust," said Yates. "Relating to me, as a fellow

Native American soldier, helps in a way. Though officially, my role is to serve CPN vets, then other Native Americans, and then all veterans. But I'll try to help anyone I can if they get in contact with me."

That is the key; the outreach by veterans. Those who have offered the last full measure of sacrifice for the country deserve access to the benefits they were promised.

"I can help vets and dependents with first time claims, dependent and DIC benefits, funeral service related claims and denial appeals. I just need them to get in touch with me," said Yates.

If you are a veteran, or know one, please encourage them to get in contact with the CPN Veterans Service office.

Contact Clyde Yates by phone at 405-598-0797 or via email, cyates@potawatomi.org. For Oklahoma-based Native American veterans, more information is available through the American Indian Program at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla.

History of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

The Potawatomi are among the Algonquian speaking people who occupied the Great Lakes region from prehistoric times through the early 1800s. Oral traditions explain that the ancient Potawatomi people were once part of an immense group that had traveled down the eastern shores of North America along the Atlantic Ocean. This large group, the Ojibwe, Odawa, and the Potawatomi all constituted a single tribe. This larger group later split at Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada and went their separate ways.

Through early historic records, it has been confirmed that the Potawatomi were living in Michigan and had established an autonomous tribal identity at least 500 years ago. Scholars have debated the origin and translation of the word ‘Potawatomi’ for many years. Nevertheless, the Potawatomi people firmly believe that the Ojibwe applied the term to them, meaning “the people of the fire.” They believe this name was given to them because they retained the original council fire once shared by all three tribes. Today, the Citizen Potawatomi refers to itself as the Nishnabe, or ‘True People.’



An artist’s rendering of the Potawatomi at Crooked Creek, Indiana in 1837.

During the mid-1650s, French traders visited the tribe and found them growing corn, gathering wild rice, and harvesting an abundant supply of fish and waterfowl from the western waters of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. The Potawatomi used a unique mastery of the birch bark canoe for essential transportation. A French trader, named Jean Nicolet, established first contact between Europeans and the Potawatomi in 1634 at a place that is now called Red Bank, on the Door Peninsula on the western shore of Lake Michigan.

At the height of the Fur Trading Era, which spanned an entire century, the Potawatomi controlled a huge tribal estate that included Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and a small portion of Ohio. This was accomplished through long-standing leadership and savvy business skills. The Potawatomi were simply not satisfied with trapping furs. Instead, they entered a competition with the Ottawa for a share in the role as middleman for trade into the Green Bay area. Using their entrepreneurial skills, they began to hire other local tribesmen to collect and trap the furs that they once procured. In turn, they would sell or trade the furs to the French, thus expanding their tribal control and estate over a vast area.

By 1800, tribal villages were displaced by white settlements and pushed to the outskirts of the Potawatomi tribal area. It was during the Removal Period of the 1830s that the Mission Christian converts were forced to leave their homelands in the Wabash River Valley of Indiana. From Indiana, the Mission Band was forced to march across four states, more than 660 miles, to a new reserve in Kansas. Of the 850 Potawatomi people forced to remove, more than 40 died along the way and more died after arrival in Kansas. Most of the dead were children and they were left in unmarked graves spanning the four state area. The event is known in Potawatomi history as the “Potawatomi Trail of Death” and took place from September - November 1838.

After arriving in Kansas, the tribe experienced a brief period of prosperity, returning to their entrepreneurial traditions before they were subjected to yet another ruinous governmental policy. In 1861, the experimental allotment act was unleashed on the Potawatomi. Between 1838 and

1861, the Mission Potawatomi had been placed on the same small reserve with the Prairie Potawatomi.



A Potawatomi woman stands in front of her wigwam in a photograph from the mid-19th century.

The Prairie Potawatomi had ventured west onto the Great Plains at a much earlier period than the Mission Band, interacted with the Sioux, and adapted different lifeway’s.

Treaty of 1861

In November of 1861 and more than seventy Potawatomi men and women met with federal agents on the Potawatomi reservation in Kansas to sign a treaty that would forever alter their community’s

relationship with the U.S. government. The 1861 treaty stipulated that tribal members decide whether they were among the “numbers of those desiring lands in severalty” or part of the faction who wished to continue holding their lands in common. The treaty promised that allottees, or those who took private land, would have plots that were “set apart for the perpetual and exclusive use and benefit of such assignees and their heirs.” It stipulated that to enjoy the privilege they must “cease to be members of said tribe, and shall become citizens of the United States.” Those who chose allotment and U.S. citizenship became the Citizen Band of the Potawatomi.

In 1861 there were 2,170 Potawatomi living on the 576,000 acre reservation in Kansas, most had endured two or more removals in the previous thirty years. Of this number 1,400 ultimately chose to take land allotments and the rest chose to continue holding their land communally on a reservation reduced to eleven square miles. The two years following the signing of the treaty seemed to unfold as the government hoped. Many individuals made efforts to claim their allotments and advance toward citizenship, including improving their land by building houses and tilling new fields. The Potawatomi’s Indian agent reported in September 1862 that “within the last nine months there has been erected on the reservation, by individual members of the tribe, between sixty and eighty log dwelling-houses, and hundreds of acres have been reclaimed from their native state and made to teem with the products of the husbandman.” By the end of the year there were roughly two thousand acres under cultivation.



An artist’s rendering of 19th Century Potawatomi along the Wabash River in Logansport, Wisconsin.

The 1861 treaty ultimately provided neither the security from removal nor the basic rights for which the Citizen Band hoped. Additionally, it did not achieve the federal government’s goal of assimilating the Citizen Potawatomi into Euro-American society. By 1867 a majority of those who accepted allotment and citizenship were dispossessed of

their land and nearly destitute. A number of factors contributed to their downfall, including the unclear process of reaching their new status as landowning citizens and a lack of safeguards written into the legislation. Most detrimental were the taxes required of the Citizen Potawatomi because the state of Kansas began taxation in contradiction to the terms of the treaty and many of the Potawatomi did not understand the system.

By the end of the 1860s, most of the officials in the OIA realized that their grand social experiment of assimilation through private land ownership and U.S. citizenship was largely a failure among the Citizen Potawatomi. Making a Native American a landowner and citizen in name did not translate into the individual’s success or assimilation as a farmer in practice. The federal government’s efforts were not a total loss, however, because their attempts to acculturate Indians often delivered the political and economic results desired by non-Indians, regardless of the Native American’s success. Kansas was a thriving young state and railroad companies and non-Indian settlers took possession of a significant amount of the Potawatomi’s former land holdings. A small percentage of the Citizen Potawatomi succeeded as independent farmers and businessmen and thrived in their new conditions. Far more, however, were quickly engulfed by adverse conditions and outside pressures from non-Indian settlers and corporate interests who desired their land and wanted them out of Kansas.



Potawatomi pose for a photo in St. Mary’s, Kansas in 1867.

Moving to Indian Territory

The provisions for the Citizen Potawatomi’s move to Indian Territory were stipulated in a treaty signed on February 27, 1867. Signatories and the OIA agreed that a delegation of Citizen Potawatomi would accompany the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to Indian Territory and select a tract of land, not exceeding thirty miles square. The treaty stipulated that they would buy the reservation with the proceeds from selling their “surplus” lands in Kansas at one dollar per acre to the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad.

In the winter 1868 a group of Citizen Potawatomi made a failed attempt to travel to Indian Territory to select a new reservation. The water was too high and roads were impassable. The following winter, in 1869, another party of Citizen Potawatomi traveled to Indian Territory and selected a tract of land that became the site of the Citizen Potawatomi reservation. They chose a section of land that encompassed thirty square miles from the north fork of the Canadian River to the south fork. The eastward flowing Little River, which was little more than a creek, divided the reservation almost evenly in half. The land lay just

west of the Seminole reservation and had an eastern boundary at the Indian Meridian. Once the Citizen Potawatomi selected land for the new reservation they could begin the process of settling their affairs in Kansas and relocating to the Indian Territory.

The earliest families to make the journey to their new reserve arrived in Indian Territory in 1872. Since they paid for the move themselves, these families were among the more affluent Potawatomi families who were able to move from Kansas and included members of the Anderson, Melot, Clardy, Pettifer, Bergeron, and Toupin families. An Anderson family history notes that the Citizen Potawatomi brothers, John and Pete Anderson, had land holding in Kansas valued at \$2,000. Records don’t indicate whether the brothers sold their allotments in Kansas, or lost them through fraud. Yet, the fact that they were able to finance their emigration to Indian Territory suggests that they sold at least a portion of their land and that the sale of land generated enough money that the two men and their families were able to afford the journey from Kansas to Indian Territory.

Fourteen wagons filled with supplies and eager, yet anxious, Citizen Potawatomi set out for their new homes in Indian Territory with little idea about what they would encounter and how they would succeed in supporting their families. The obvious challenges of living in a state that was hostile to its Indian population, like Kansas was, induced some to move. It also motivated them to stick together in their new homes. Most of these earliest arrivals settled together in a small community they called Pleasant Prairie near the center of the reservation. By the end of the year, the population of the budding community was a mere twenty-eight people. It was not immediately obvious to these early emigrants or to the hundreds of Citizen Potawatomi who followed in their wake that they would soon face fierce challenges to their land tenure, their individual rights, and even their identity as Native Americans. Though given their past experiences, many could have guessed that the transition to a new land would not be an easy one. Their first major challenge would be a fight to determine their rights as members of two separate populations: the US and their tribal nation.

1891 Land Run

In 1890, the Citizen Potawatomi unwillingly participated again in the allotment process implemented through the Dawes Act of 1887. With this Act, the Citizen Potawatomi were forced to accept individual allotments. In the Land Run of 1891, the remainder of the Potawatomi reservation in Oklahoma was opened up to ‘white’ settlement. It is estimated that over half of the 900 square mile reservation was simply given away by the government.

On the morning of Tuesday, September 22, 1891, more than twenty thousand anxious settlers, all “armed like a walking arsenal,” gathered on foot, horseback, and with wagons at a predetermined starting line, awaiting the sound of the bugle that would change their lives. Each one of these individuals hoped to be lucky enough to claim one of the seven thousand available one hundred and sixty acre plots, carved out of the “surplus” lands of the recently allotted Citizen Potawatomi, Iowa, and Sac and Fox reservations.

The Citizen Potawatomi, some of whom travelled to the starting line to watch the action, saw thousands of acres of land that the federal government pledged would be for the “exclusive use and occupancy” of their tribal members pass from the tribe to the hands of non-Indian settlers in one day. This contest for recently relinquished Indian lands was one of seven land runs that occurred in Indian and Oklahoma

Territories between 1889 and 1895.

More than three hundred thousand acres of “surplus” land on what used to be the Citizen Potawatomi reservation was opened to the land run.

Towns in Pottawatomie County

Several towns in Pottawatomie County started out as settlements that built up around early Citizen Potawatomi allotments. A few of these towns include:

- Pleasant Prairie – est. in 1871 by seven of the first Potawatomi families to move to Indian Territory. The town was known as Pleasant Prairie from 1871 to 1881, in that year the town of Wagoza was established on the site. They are near the present-day town of Wanette.

- Isabella – a short-lived town that was named for the wife of Joshua Clardy, a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member who owned the trading post in the town, which was established on his allotment. The name was quickly changed to Clardysville to better represent Joshua Clardy.

- Burnett – founded by William Griffenstein who was married to Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Catherine Burnett, she was the daughter of Potawatomi headman Abram Burnett.

- Anderson – the town was on allotment land that belonged to the Anderson family. It ceased to be a town in 1894.

- Young’s Crossing – Established in southern Pottawatomie County by George Young, who was married to a Citizen Potawatomi woman. It was a well-established town and one of five crossings for the Canadian River. George Young owned a general store and a saloon in the town.

Present Day Citizen Potawatomi Nation

The latter part of the 20th Century and the early years of the 21st Century have been a period of great success for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In fact, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the largest of the eight federally recognized Potawatomi tribes and the ninth largest tribe in the United States. Under sound leadership and with a tribal membership base of more than 30,000, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has experienced growth in administration, tribal enterprises and its community outreach programs.

From a beginning in 1970 with only two-and-one-half acres of tribal land held in common and less than \$1,000 in cash assets, the Nation has grown to have a \$522 million economic impact in the State of Oklahoma. This includes \$68 million in wages and benefits which directly supports more than 2,000 jobs and purchases contributing to a \$377 million impact on the local economy.

In recent years, careful planning and prudent use of revenues generated through Indian gaming and various business enterprises have made possible resurgence in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s prospects. Economic development which benefits the entire community is in the best interest of both tribal members and non-Indians. To this end, the Nation’s business and gaming endeavors produce many positive results, including job creation, the attraction of tourism revenue, and the reduction of poverty and unemployment.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation has several tribal enterprises, including the largest tribally owned grocery store, Community Development Corporation and First National Bank. These enterprises allow Citizen Potawatomi Nation to be the largest employer in Pottawatomie County with more than three times as many employees as the next largest employer.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Headquarters.

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort opens 262 room hotel

Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s newest resort and tourism destination is one step closer to being finished as the new 262 room hotel is now open and accepting reservations.

The new hotel is a 14-story tower with 262 suites, adding a total of 144,000 square feet to the property. The hotel is designed with a strong influence by Frank Lloyd Wright, an innovative American architect known for a philosophy that he called organic architecture.

“We are excited to open this phase of the property and look forward to guests coming and staying with us,” said Steve Degraffenreid, general manager, Grand Casino Hotel and Resort. “Our guests are going to enjoy quality entertainment and VIP treatment every second they stay with us. We are also looking forward to adding our other resort and hotel amenities in the fall.”



One of the Grand’s king size beds.



The Frank Lloyd Wright inspired lobby.

The Grand Hotel currently offers a spa, 24 hour fitness center, and state of the art meeting facilities accessible directly from the Grand Casino and Event Center. Other amenities include a business center, in-room dining, and complimentary high-speed internet access available

wired or wirelessly.

The new hotel is in addition to the 125,000 square foot gaming facility. The casino currently offers poker, blackjack, slots, craps, spinette and keno. Amenities expected to open in fall 2013 include two new restaurants, an outdoor pool, which will be Oklahoma’s first pool nightclub, and lounge and a new 2,500 seat event center.

“Once we have all of our amenities open, people won’t need to leave our property to experience a

fun-filled getaway,” added Degraffenreid. “This is a tourism destination for Oklahoma and the entertainment experience that we provide won’t be matched anywhere else.”

The new hotel created more than 100 new jobs, bringing the total CPN employment to more than 2,000. CPN opened the property in 2006 and construction began on the hotel in 2011.

To make reservations visit



One of the Grand Hotel’s shower and bathroom.

www.grandshawnee.com/hotel/ or call 405-964-7777.

Stepping up the game: The Grand Stand Sports Grille

Justin Broughton at Distinctly Oklahoma Magazine

Most of the spring showers are behind us, so it’s time to get out there and make some memories. Basketball may be over, but the baseball scene is really kicking, and the big games are coming soon. For those who like to watch their favorite games in air-conditioned comfort, we found the perfect spot for game day, and it’s only a short drive away. Head out to Shawnee and catch the game at the Grand Casino Resort’s top-notch sports grill, The Grand Stand.

Our last visit to the Grand Casino Resort resulted in an experience that we thought couldn’t be beaten. Little did we know, Ember’s Steakhouse (the other restaurant within Grand Casino Resort) and The Grand Stand Sports Grille downstairs are both operated by Executive Chef Nicholas Mee. With over 35 years of culinary experience under his toque, Chef Nick brings the party to The Grand Stand Sports Grille, and the restaurant has flourished as a result. If you can manage to get into the sports grill on a Friday night, then you are either immensely patient or infinitely fortunate. The Grand Stand is thoroughly decked out with televisions, but the noise level is still kept at a reasonable intensity. If you follow a sport, you can catch it at The Grand Stand. Of course, televisions and memorabilia aren’t the highlights of The Grand Stand Sports Grille ... the food itself is the main attraction.

After we settled around a table near the back of the restaurant, the Chef de Cuisine – Jessica – brought out fresh corn chips, salsa and a rich, creamy house-made white queso. Nothing beats freshly made queso in terms of chip dips, and Chef Nick’s approach to white queso includes a selection of spices whipped in a saucepan with a thickened, creamy cheese sauce.

There is one other element that pulls together the dishes at The Grand Stand: the hot sauces. All the top-notch hot sauces you could ever dream of are available for your tasting. Every flavor you can imagine is reflected through the hot sauces and menu selections at The Grand Stand. If you’re in the mood for the spices of the West Indies, you’re in luck ... Chef Nick has an affinity for Caribbean spices.

After a pleasant experience with the chips and salsa, we witnessed what must be the most majestic cheeseburger in existence: the

towering, jaw-dropping Grilled Cheese Burger. As the name implies, this half-pound burger employs two grilled cheese sandwiches in place of the usual hamburger buns, and it’s all held together by additional slices of Swiss and American cheese. Every ounce of the burger is teeming with a creamy zest, spiced deliberately to complement the hot sauces available at The Grand Stand. The gourmet creation is served with a generous side of black pepper French fries, to which you have the option of adding additional hot sauce.

Incidentally, The Grand Stand offers a rare treat for connoisseurs of “hot.” A small, dark phial of the world’s hottest hot sauce – Blair’s 3 A.M. Reserve – is available to anyone bold enough to give it a spin. Only one member of our group stepped up to the plate and braved the crimson condiment, which allegedly “burns with the intensity of a thousand suns,” and comes complete with a “survivor” certificate.

Alligator Tail is one of the specialties at The Grand Stand. Not only is it a rarity in Oklahoma, but it’s also a scrumptious and unique delicacy. At The Grand Stand, expect breaded and perfectly tender fried cutlets of alligator tail, served with a freshly made herbal garlic dip and black pepper fries. If you want to take the taste to a whole new level, ask for some Gator Hammer hot sauce to accompany the alligator tail. Gator Hammer’s sweet, spicy resolve complements the alligator tail perfectly.

If alligator tail doesn’t pique your interest, check out some of the other meals served at The Grand Stand. For example, they offer some of the tenderest fried catfish around, complete with a house-made tartar sauce and black pepper fries. For an insatiable hunger, consider the Grand Nachos, which combine the flavors of fresh tortilla chips, refried beans, pico de gallo, jalapeños, sour cream and your choice of meat. Don’t say we didn’t warn you – a single order of the Grand Nachos would crush the hunger of several people.

Chef Nick’s menu offers a little something for everyone. For example, his restricted but elaborate selections at The Grand Stand include a separate section for Tex-Mex-oriented dishes, and another for hearty American favorites. We absolutely fell in

love with the Tamales El Grande, which consisted of hand-wrapped traditional cornhusk tamales, packed with a meat of your choice, topped with a generous application of mixed cheeses, and served with pico de gallo, refried beans and Spanish rice. Nothing hits home like an authentic tamale. The Grand Stand also offers a delectable Taco Dinner and the Mucho Burrito, which pairs well with Cheech’s Garlic hot sauce.

Even if you’re just looking for something lighter and greener, The Grand Stand has you covered with a selection of brilliant, simple salads. Chef Nick recommended the Southwest Chicken Salad, which consists of fresh lettuce, grilled chicken breasts, a light sprinkling of cheddar cheese, a bold black bean corn relish and tortilla strips. A generous serving of your dressing of choice is served with this salad. In terms of texture and taste, the Southwest Chicken Salad definitely emphasizes taste, combining the flavors of Southwestern ingredients with the cool, creamy salad dressing. The chicken itself is spiced lightly to pull the dish together.

The Grand Stand also offers daily game day specials, and frequently adds new dishes to the menu. Always make sure to ask your server or the chef about what’s new, because if you don’t, you might miss out on options like the Cinnamon Snap Cheesecake. The Cinnamon Snap Cheesecake consists of a moist crust and a super-rich layered cheesecake, complete with a light dusting of cinnamon and a generous drizzling of caramel. Dollops of whipped cream rest atop each and every slice of this astounding cheesecake.

If it’s just too early in the day for cheesecake or even Southwestern fare, you should know that The Grand Stand has become notorious for its outstanding breakfast menu. Order the Joker’s Wild breakfast platter sometime. This dish combines the peppery glory of a chicken-fried steak, cheesy eggs and a pleasantly thick gravy – a breakfast that only a true Oklahoman could whip up.

Of course, Executive Chef Nicholas Mee’s style of cooking is present in every dish at The Grand Stand. In fact, the dishes available at The Grand Stand Sports Grille have a distinct personality all their own, and would make everyone feel like a winner on game day.



The Grand Stand Sports Grille has a variety of options sure to please everyone.



This hot sauce is so hot the waiter used gloves to handle it.



One of the more unique options, alligator tail and fries, is a favorite of guests.



Not typical for a sports grill, but tamales and rice are one of the more popular menu items.



This massive grilled cheese burger is massive and sure to please.



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People of the Fire

Citizen Potawatomi Nation has \$522 million economic impact in Oklahoma

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a \$522 million economic impact in the State of Oklahoma for 2012. This economic impact includes \$68 million in wages and benefits, directly supporting more than 2,000 jobs, and purchases contributing to a \$377 million impact on the local economy.

“There is an old adage that ‘a rising tide raises all ships.’ The Citizen Potawatomi Nation plays a major role in the success of Pottawatomie County and the State of Oklahoma,” said John Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “We are a lasting partner of the state and community. Our success is good for both our tribe and for our Oklahoma neighbors.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation exercises governmental jurisdiction in portions of Pottawatomie, Cleveland and



Pharmacist John LaReau explains a prescription at the pharmacy window. The pharmacy filled nearly 160,000 prescriptions in 2012.



Drake Sanchez is one of more than more than 1,500 children served at the CPN Child Care Center.

Oklahoma Counties. With more than 2,000 tribal employees, CPN is the largest employer in Pottawatomie County by more than three times.

“We have a history of creating good jobs in Pottawatomie County,” added Barrett. “These jobs pay well and we offer excellent benefits. Those jobs allow people to live, work and spend money in Shawnee and other communities nearby.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is

also responsible for a variety of services including healthcare, elderly programs, social services, education and housing. In 2012 CPN health facilities had more than 20,000 physician visits, 4,600 dental visits, served 14,000 meals to the elderly, assisted 3,500 families through Indian Child Welfare, provided 3,800 scholarships and assisted with housing costs for more than 1,500 people.

“Although we are not and cannot be all things to all people, our

services to do help take care of our tribal members and fellow Oklahomans when assistance is needed,” added Barrett. “Not only does that help create a more healthy and vibrant community, our services ease the burden on the State of Oklahoma.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s business portfolio includes grocery and travel, dining, shopping and entertainment and banking. Firelake Discount Foods is the largest tribally owned grocery store in the United States. First National Bank and Trust Company is the largest tribally owned

also operates two casinos, entertainment venues, retail shops, fuel and convenience stores, golf courses, museums and a hotel.

“Our diverse portfolio of businesses allows us to provide good employment opportunities across a broad spectrum, making Pottawatomie County a desirable place to work and live,” said Barrett. “Our businesses also create a significant tourism draw for Oklahoma, making Shawnee a destination that otherwise wouldn’t exist.”

CPN contributed more than \$1.7



Mr. and Mrs. Byler live in the Father Murphy housing addition and also are part of the CPN wellness and health programs. CPN clinics had more than 20,000 physician visits in 2012.

national bank and has branches at Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Headquarters, Shawnee, Holdenville, two in Lawton, Granite and Mangum Oklahoma. Citizen Potawatomi Nation

million to local non-profits in Pottawatomie County, provided \$203,495 to Oklahoma schools and made \$21.3 million in tax payments and payments in lieu of taxes in 2012.

Meet your legislator - District 4's Jon Boursaw

In District 4, Jon Boursaw won a close victory over Theresa Adame for the Kansas legislative seat. He has served the tribe before as the former Director of the Cultural Heritage Center, though this is his first term in the tribal legislature.



“I am extremely honored that the CPN tribal members in District 4 have selected me to be their representative to the CPN Legislature,” commented Boursaw. “I sincerely want to thank all of those who voted for me and offer a particular thank you to those individuals who assisted me in my campaign.”

In June, Boursaw gave a preview of some of his objectives as a legislator, saying he would:

“Renew the effort to return the 1862 Tribal Census Book currently in the St. Marys Historical Society Museum to the Tribe. This census, conducted in accordance with the Treaty of 1861, contains the names of those families and individuals who established what was to become the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. This book rightfully belongs in the CPN Cultural Heritage Center archives.”

“Continue to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on a committee that is interested in the establishing a Heritage Park on the Kansas River near Rossville. This park would commemorate the pre-territorial settlement of Uniontown, the occupation of the area by Potawatomi, and the Kansas River ferries on the Oregon and California Trails, which were operated by Potawatomi members. This committee is comprised of individuals from the various counties and towns surrounding this historic site.”

“Continue to offer to give my CPN history presentation to civic organizations, schools, historical societies within Kansas and most importantly to CPN members throughout District 4.”

“Work closely with the CPN leadership and Housing Authority to ensure the viability and sustainability of the tribal

complex in Rossville. I feel it is essential that we not only continue to provide housing and other services for our elder and disabled members, but it is equally crucial we continue the physical presence of the Tribe in Kansas.”

“Encourage all CPN veterans in District 4 to belong to the CPN Veterans Organization. In conjunction with other District 4 meetings, I would like to hold veteran meetings for the opportunity for them to be recognized for their service and share their experiences. Offer a CPN Honor Guard at veteran burials.”

The Air Force veteran and Kansas native is a descendant of the Bourassa and Ogee families. Boursaw spent 24 years in uniform before retiring as a colonel. He spent 13 years working in major corporations in addition to serving six years

as the Executive Director for the Prairie Band Potawatomi in Kansas. His most recent position was during his two and a half years as the Director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. An aficionado of tribal history, Boursaw gives presentations each year to participants of the PLP Student Program on the path of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation from pre-European times to its status today.

If you are in District 4, or would like to learn more about the tribe’s history through one of his presentations, you can connect with him at:

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Brothers Jon and Lyman Boursaw stand in front of Jon's "History of the CPN" presentation.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Conducting Census of Tribal Members

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is conducting a census of tribal members in order to obtain contact information and demographic details. The census data will be used for future emergency response efforts and to provide details when applying to receive grant funds.

“We had more than 310 households respond to the voluntary survey so far,” said

Margaret Zientek. “We are very appreciative of members who allow us to have this information and it will be kept confidential.”

The first part of the census is an emergency response form. The information gathered from the emergency response form will help CPN contact tribal members to offer assistance after emergency events.

“After the recent Oklahoma tornadoes we had an extremely difficult time getting in contact with CPN members,” said Zientek. “We want to be able to contact members to do well being checks and also offer assistance in those times of need.”

The data would be used for emergency response efforts in other states as well in disaster situations such as the Joplin

tornado, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, California Wild Fires, etc.

The second part of the census collects geographic data to assist CPN self-governance and other CPN programs with grant applications.

“Most of CPN programs are funded by grants and we need a significant amount of data to

be considered,” added Zientek. “Collecting this demographic information will allow us to have an accurate sample of the CPN population and possibly help us secure more grant funds.”

To participate in the census visit www.potawatomi.org. All participants will be entered into a drawing to win prizes.

Construction Updates



The back wall and terraced seats are nearing completion at the Grand Events Center.



The second phase of Father Murphy Housing for the tribe’s elders is shaping up.



The construction continues on the FireLake Corner Shop.



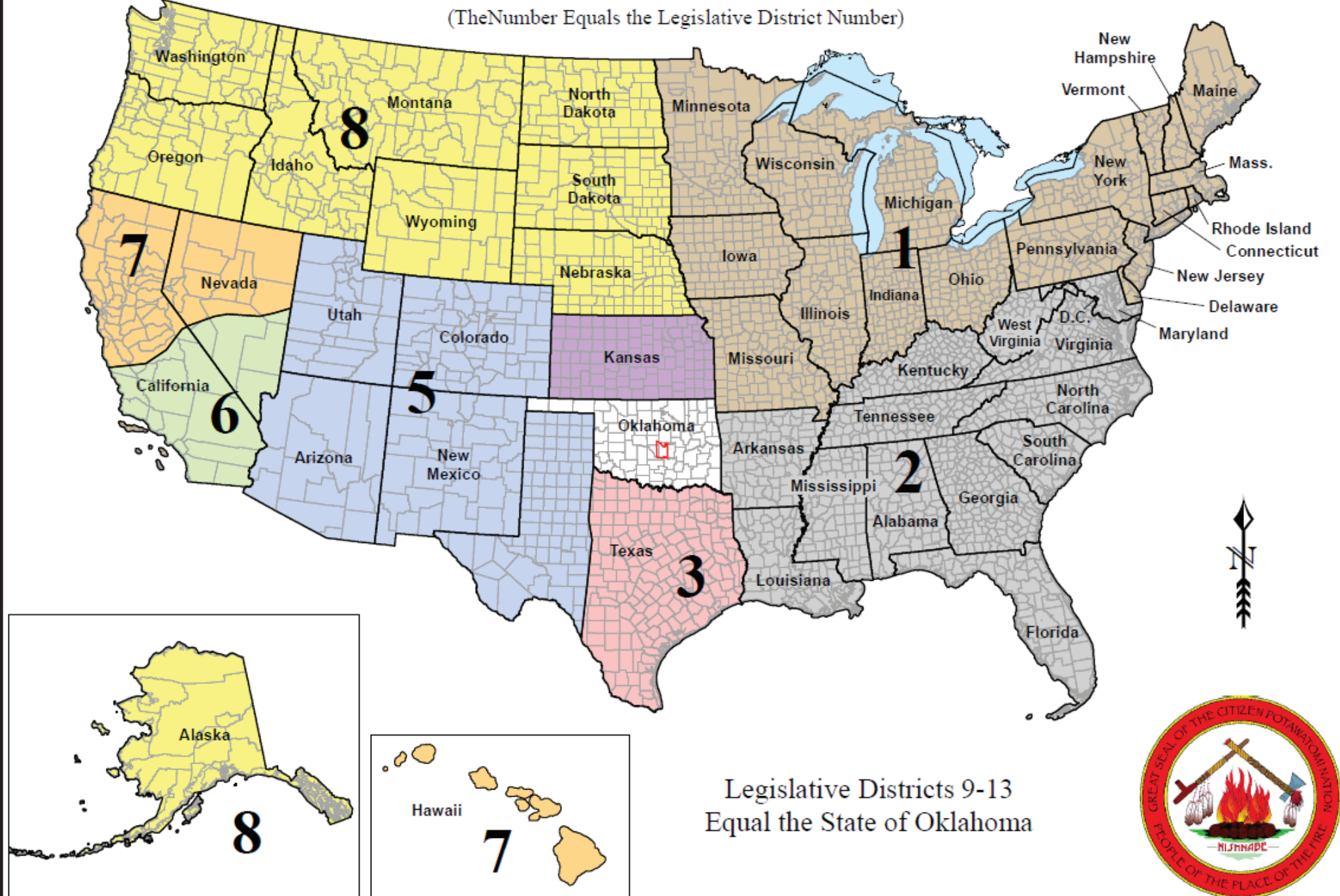
The Grand Events Center’s roof was recently completed.



The CPN Eagle Aviary recently hung its new, custom designed security gate.

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Are you buying, building, or refinancing a home?

We may have some financial assistance for you!

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority (CPNHA) would like to inform the tribal membership, once again, about the Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Grant. The month of December 2012 is our 13th year of providing this program to our tribal members.

This wonderful program has assisted hundreds of Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members and we want to continually promote this beneficial housing assistance. Any enrolled Citizen Potawatomi Nation member is eligible to receive this grant, one time only. The maximum amount is \$2,125.00 and is not repaid at any time nor is there a second mortgage placed on the intended property.

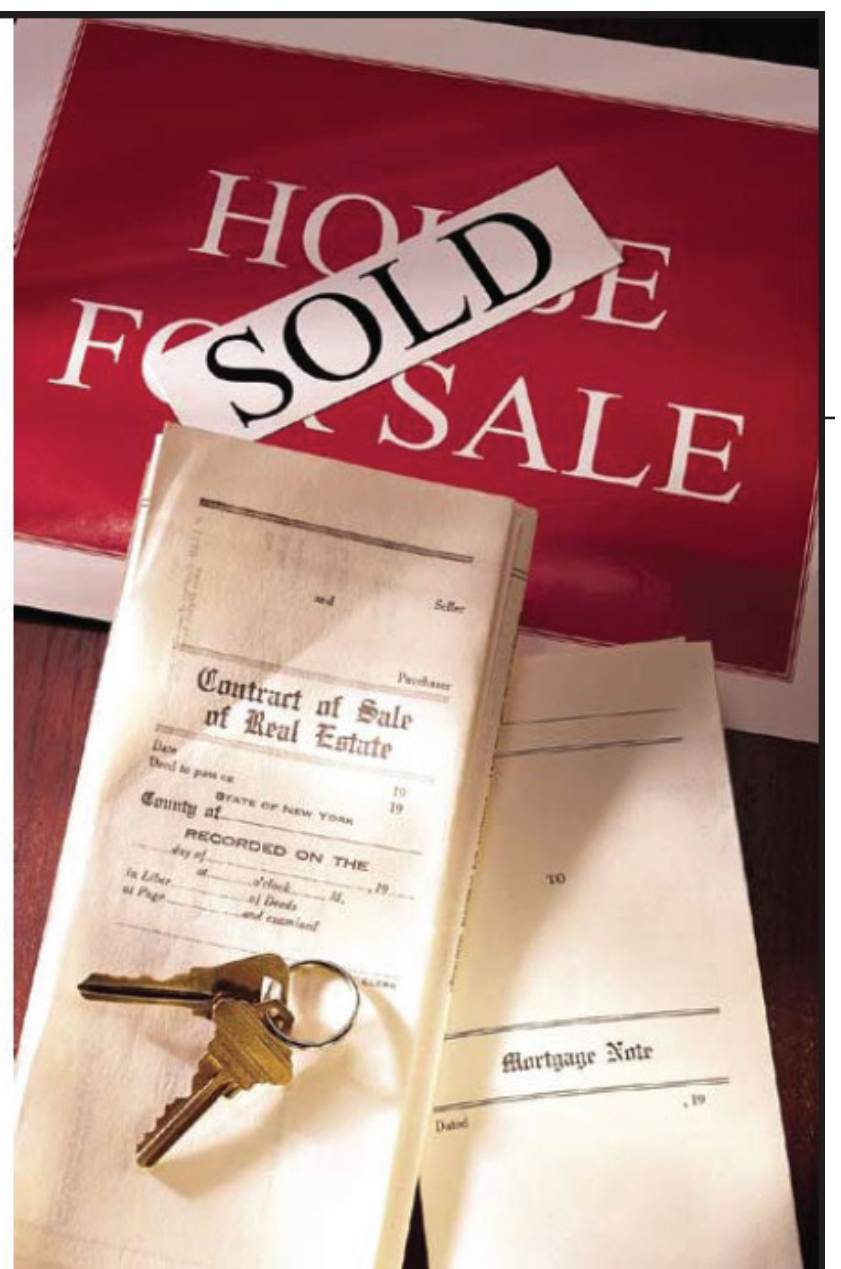
Program eligibility requirements are as follows:

The grant can not be used for any type of mobile home, convicted felons or other household member felons are ineligible, the home being purchased must be your primary residence and enrolled CPN tribal member's name must be on the loan. You must thoroughly complete our application; send a copy of your CPN membership card, a copy of your good faith estimate, income verification for all household members (last 3 to 4 pay stubs or if same employer for many years the last two years of tax returns), copy of the appraisal, completed W-9 form, and the name of the closing party, to our office at least three to four weeks prior to your closing. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to you by your closing date.

If the grant is applied for after closing, it must be submitted within 30 days of the closing transaction date. We can reimburse closing costs, if fees are paid out of pocket at closing. If costs are rolled into the loan then the funds are paid to the lender to reduce principal.

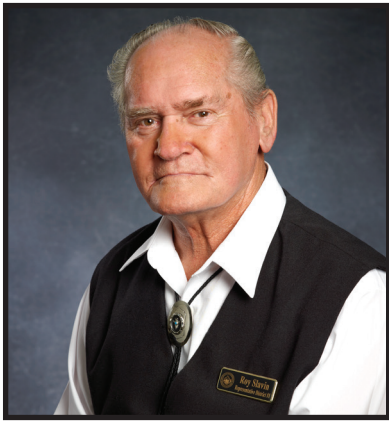
Checks are mailed to the address listed on the application unless other prior arrangements have been made.

If you have any questions or want to request an application, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager at (405) 273-2833 or by emailing sbyers@potawatomi.org.



Legislative Columns

District 1—Roy Slavin



Bozho,

Festival is always a great time, this one was no exception. Great weather, great crowds, lots of family and friends, lots of fun. If you have never been to the reunion festival held every year the last week end in June I urge you to make plans for next year, I promise you won't be disappointed.

General council was held in the new event center for the first time this year and now we have a better understanding of the size and utility of this great facility. I can't begin to describe the enormity

of this building, but to give you some idea, I understand they are preparing to hold a horse shoe tournament there and will be 60 horse shoe pits. There is a covered portico on the west side for busses to load and un-load, rest rooms at each end of the facility that also serve as tornado shelters. These have already been used once for just that purpose during a recent event at the bowling lanes when the sirens went off and everyone was evacuated to the event center shelters. What a great asset this is for our nation.

No festival would be complete without a naming ceremony. I had namings scheduled for Saturday morning and was joined by two fellow legislators, Eva Marie Carney and Theresa Adame who also had namings scheduled. We were treated to a hand drum and song in our native language by Randy Schlachtun prior to the naming ceremony. Randy is a member of our language department and works with the children at our child development center teaching them our language. What a fun and rewarding job that

must be! If you are interested in getting your Potawatomi name or naming someone in your family I will send you all the information necessary and assist you in any way possible .

Festival is also election time. This year's candidates were for chairman, John "Rocky" Barrett – unopposed. For legislator District 1 – Roy Slavin – unopposed. Legislator District 2 – Eva Marie Carney (incumbent) and Anthony Cole (challenger); Eva Marie Carney – elected. Legislator district 3 Robert Whistler – unopposed. Legislator District 4 Theresa Adame (incumbent) challenger Jon Boursaw; Jon Boursaw elected.

I want to thank District 1 members for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your legislator again and remind you that I value and solicit your input on any matters of importance to our nation.

Whenever I am in Shawnee I make it a point to call our eagle aviary and make an appointment to visit. To make an appointment call 405-275-

2121 or 405-863-5623. The CPN eagle aviary offers a permanent home to eagles rescued from the wild who have been injured and cannot be rehabilitated and released. This time I was treated to a success story by Jennifer Randle and Bree Dunham, the two ladies who operate the facility. They told me of a juvenile bald eagle they received as non-releasable June 2012. She began to fly shortly after she arrived and it became clear she could be released. The CPN aviary became the first Native American aviary to release an eagle that was banded and fitted with a GPS telemetry back pack harness. They are now able to observe her progress as she learns to hunt and fish and know that she is thriving in the wild. Her name is "Wadese Zhabewe" (Brave Breakthrough). She also makes regular visits back to the aviary for a free meal. We are indeed fortunate to have these two dedicated ladies Jennifer and Bree to operate this wonderful facility.

As always I will end this article with a plea for your contact information. If you do not receive

e-mail or regular mail from me it is because I do not have your contact information and due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide me with that information. I can be reached by phone toll free at 1-888-741-5767 or by mail 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City Mo. 64151 or e-mail Rslavin@potawatomi.org

Megwetch Netagtege (Roy)

District 2—Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikan/Hello friends,

Migwetch/thank you for returning me to office for another four-year term. It will be my privilege to serve and I will continue to work hard for you. Please continue to share your thoughts with me and to contact me for any assistance you might need.

I could really use help with identifying good locations for meetings throughout District 2. Here is a map that was posted in the registration building at the Festival, indicating how many of us are in each District 2 state. Please call or write if you might be able to

help secure us a room in a nearby facility that fits 60 or more folks, whether in a restaurant or a room that can be serviced by a caterer. I have a budget to cover costs but not the knowledge you may have about good places to meet fellow Potawatomis and share a meal!

The Festival was terrific. Among the highlights was that our District 2 team won the 2013 Hand Game Competition and, for the first time, our Language Department and other CPN members comprised the drum for the competition (in the past we have brought in others to play for us). The winning team included District 2 members Joe,

Arkansas, and "Minnie Pearl," named for the dangling tag on her cap. Those lucky red caps came from Firelake Designs and we had enough to gift some to the drummers after our victory dance.

Another highlight was a tour given by Chairman Barrett of the Firelake Grand Hotel Resort, which will be a stellar facility for lodging, gaming, dining in the Brazilian steakhouse, and concerts in the impressive music venue. The hotel will open soon. To see some 50 photos taken during Festival weekend you can visit my website, www.evamariecarney.com.



blog. It launched June 13 and in a Q&A format, Native leaders and elders "share their personal stories of what is relevant and current in order to reveal diversity, originality and far-sighted objectives in Indian country." Navajo Nation president Ben Shelly was among the first featured on the blog. Read a new interview each week by Googling NMAI Meet Native America Series or putting <http://blog.nmai.si.edu/main/meet-native-america/> into your browser, and please let me know what you think of the interviews if you do visit it.

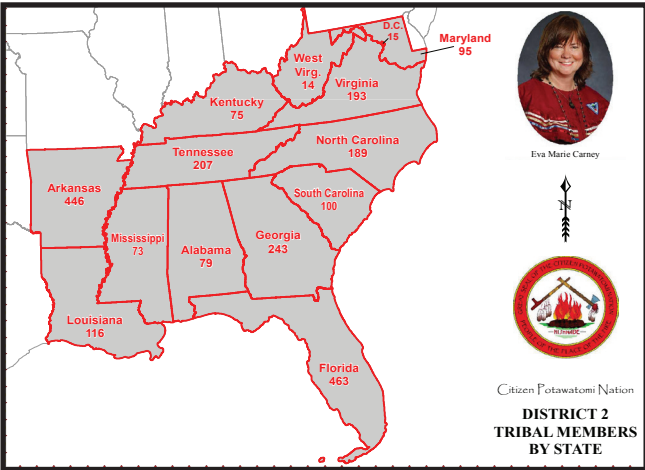
need planning time to visit with you regarding your name and to work with Lyle Simmons, our Potawatomi member in Louisiana who is adding his beautiful threadwork to eagle feathers that I use in the namings. I've included here a photo of Lyle's threadwork on four feathers that I used during the Family Festival.

And please let me know if you can come to Suitland, Maryland on Friday September 27, 2013, from 2 - 4:30 pm, with lunch before at a location TBD, to the Archives of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. There you can see first-hand a selection of the many household goods, clothing, dolls, pipes and other Potawatomi objects held in the Archives.

Finally, you may be interested in a new series on the National Museum of American Indians

Migwetch/thank you for the honor of representing you.

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Kate and Scott Holzmeister (and mother/wife Deb) from North Carolina, Lyle Simmons from Louisiana, and Jamie Kindt from

I hope to see some of you in August during the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations, hosted by the Pokagon Band in Michigan. For more information on the conferences and daily events, and to register, please visit: <http://www.potawatominations.com/gathering-potawatomi-nations>. Also, I may be in Tennessee, outside Knoxville, in early fall for a family naming. If you wish to receive your Potawatomi name then please get in touch. I will

District 3- Robert Whistler



Bozho Nikan (Hello friend)

Summer is well upon us and in North Texas, the weather is much milder than during the last couple of years. By that I mean, we have gotten off to a cooler start with fewer days over 100 degrees.

As a result, I see many more people being outdoors and taking time to enjoy time outside the house, with some cooking, walking, or possibly sitting by a pool.

Unfortunately, I see in the news

that many of the communities around us are spraying for West Nile Virus as the mosquitoes are out and about in large numbers and making a meal of some of us. Ironically, a friend of mine sent me a short article on creating your own mosquito trap. In addition to possibly spraying, and I suggest you check with your local hardware store for a good spray, you may want to make this simple inexpensive trap.

The items needed are: 1 cup of water, 1/4 cup of brown sugar, 1 gram of yeast, and a two liter bottle.

To create the trap,

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix the brown sugar with hot water. Let it cool, then pour into the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which mosquitoes love.



Family Festival the last weekend in June, I'm sure you found the weather much more to your liking this year. Much cooler. We had a great time and I learned how to make my own moccasins. The elections were held and as you may know I ran unopposed and will be serving another four year term as your District 3 representative. I am very honored to be allowed to serve you and am here to help where possible. If you have questions or think I can assist you, please contact me.

4. Place the funnel part of the bottle, upside down into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle in something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (The mosquitoes are drawn by the black color).

Change the solution every two weeks. I have included a photo minus the black cover and I only put in some of the solution so you

see the idea.

I thank my high school classmate, Sharon Jennings for the information.

By the way mosquitoes, tend to seek out females first. And per the famous television host Dr. Oz, it is better to have a glass of wine or a beverage with gin or vodka instead of a beer. For some reason, the beer encourages the mosquitoes to come your way more aggressively.

For those of you who attended the

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District 4—Jon Boursaw



Bozho, District 4 Tribal Members:

First I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all of those who supported me in the recent election. I sincerely look forward to serving all CPN members living in District 4 to the best of my ability.

As I stated during my campaign I plan to use my article space in the Hownikan to better serve the members in District 4. So let's get

started;

District Office in Topeka: The address for CPN District 4 office is 2007 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66604 and is located in the Seabrook Shopping Center. The office phone number is 785-861-7272. Calls to this number will be forwarded to my cell phone number when I am not in the office.

Office Hours: I plan to start out

with set times that I will be in the office. As a minimum I will be in the office from 9:00 to 11:00am on Tuesday and 3:00 to 5:00pm on Thursday. If these hours are not convenient for you to meet with me, please contact me so we can arrange to meet at mutually convenient time. I plan to adjust the hours I will be in the office based on frequency and volume of contacts I have with tribal members in the office.

District Meetings: As I stated in my campaign I would like to hold district meetings in various locations within the district. I am open to suggestions on where we should have these meetings. Obviously I want to ensure we have a sufficient number of members attend to make the effort beneficial. Think about what facilities are available that would accommodate the meeting. These meetings would include a CPN

update, Q&A session, possible naming ceremony, a Tribal History Presentation and a meeting with Tribal veterans.

Member Owned Businesses: If you own a business, or know of a Tribal member who does, I would like to highlight that business in one of my articles. Please furnish me with a brief description of the business, member’s name, location of the business, and contact information.

Let’s support our own.

Highlighting District 4 Members: If you would like to have a Tribal member recognized for a significant accomplishment, activity or event, please let me know. Examples would be a scholastic achievement, 50th wedding anniversary, a tribal member returning from a military deployment, a civic award, or other noteworthy deed.

Senior Support Network: If you or a member of your family are an elder and live in the Greater Topeka area and are not participating in the various activities offered by the Senior Support Network staff located in Rossville this is for you. You don’t have to be receiving assistance from them to participate in the activities they offer. These include tours to various locations of interest, potluck luncheons, card and game days, trips to movies,

etc. For more information or to get on their mailing list, give Tracy or Jenny a call at 785-584-6171.

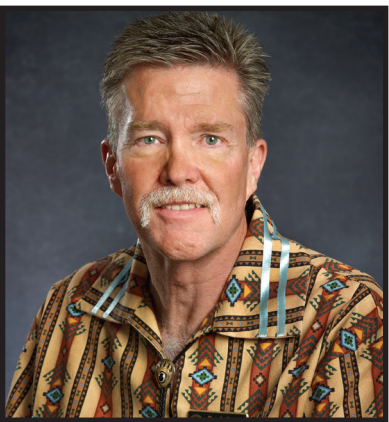
Again, I want to thank you for the honor and pleasure of serving as your Legislative Representative. But I can only be effective in my role if I serve you. I am available to answer your questions, assist in resolving problems, and provide timely information to meet your needs. In order for me to build a

list of e-mail address I will need for you to send me your e-mail address. I look forward to hearing from you either by e-mail, mail, or phone.

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District 6—Rande Payne



Bozho Nikan,

Family Reunion Festival for me is becoming just that, a family reunion. It seems that the family is getting bigger and bigger. Somehow I always manage to meet more Tescier descendants that aren’t all that distant. It truly gives me great joy to hear their stories and develop those new family ties. And it goes without saying that I always look forward to visiting with my Oklahoma family and friends. Time makes it challenging to see everyone but we just do the best we can.

Festival began Thursday evening with an informal briefing of the Legislature by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. There was also a presentation regarding potential opportunities for our Tribe found within the Affordable Healthcare Act. It was a great kickoff event. I am always overwhelmed with the forward thinking and the speed at which we progress. We have a lot to be thankful for and proud of.

Just after sunrise Friday morning (best part of the day) I was honored to perform a naming ceremony for District 7 member Michael Bourbonnais. Michael and I have actually become good friends

exploring our family connections and learning more about our culture and heritage. We are related through the Bourbonnais branch of my family tree. Michael’s wife Vivian (Choctaw) is a real sweetheart and participates in just about everything Potawatomi in support of Michael. We used the prayer circle up by the pond behind the Sharp house. It was so peaceful yet there was a strong sense of anticipation. It was as if time had been waiting for this moment. It is said that in Potawatomi culture the Creator can’t see our face until we receive our Potawatomi name and it is announced to the Four Directions. You see, most of the land around Tribal Headquarters was Bourbonnais land so it was extra special for Michael to receive his Potawatomi name there. Potawatomi Language Director



Justin Neely and Assistant Language Director Sam Navarre assisted with Michael’s naming. After the traditional offerings of water to Mother Earth and tobacco to the Creator Justin offered a prayer in Potawatomi then led us

in the Morning Song. Up to that point the birds had been present greeting the day with their normal tone of chirping and singing but really let their presence be known as they joyfully joined in the song to the beat of the hand drum. It was an awesome experience and I was greatly honored to be part of it.

I have more ink than page so I will move on to the 2013 elections and Legislative budget. The budget was passed and incumbent Eva Marie Carney won the District 2 election and challenger Jon Boursaw won the District 4 election. Legislative District 1 incumbent Roy Slavin, District 3 incumbent Robert Whistler and Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett were unopposed in the 2013 election. Congratulations to all and I would also like to say that it was

give thanks for her leadership and contributions to the Tribe and her District and wish her all the best in the future.

As pictured on the cover of the July Hownikan, Grand Entry was quite colourful adding credence that we may very well be in the 7th Fire as prophesied in the Anishnabe Seven Fires Prophecy. It is said that in the time of the 7th Fire there would be a reigniting of the sacred fire of the Neshnabek and that we would begin the journey of re-tracing our steps in search of the old ways. We had more people participating in Grand Entry in regalia than ever before. It was a beautiful sight and definitely another step on the right path of our journey. The only thing missing was a Potawatomi drum but we are making progress toward having our own people drum. Speaking of drums, I was honoured to be allowed to sit at the drum of our very own CPN Squirrel Creek Singers during a practice session before they played at the Hand Games Friday night. It was quite a moving experience and not one I will soon forget.

In closing I am happy to announce a cultural immersion event scheduled for Saturday September 7 in Las Vegas. We’ll be meeting at the Platinum Hotel located at 211 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89169. Their phone number is 877-211-9211. I have invited Curtis Grant and Leslie Barichello to help. Curtis is in charge of CPN archive productions and will be available to record families for our archives. It’s a great way of video recording anything you want to share about your Potawatomi heritage for future generations. It’s easy to do and Curtis is great with prompting questions and making

you comfortable sharing. I was able to do this at Festival this year and I’m so glad I did. We need all of our Veterans to participate in building our archives as well. Your stories are of such great significance and need to be preserved. Curtis will also be doing a brief presentation of CPN attractions in Shawnee that all make it worthwhile to visit. Nearly five thousand attended Family Reunion Festival this year. When Curtis does his presentation hopefully you will be inspired to visit the tribal grounds in the near future. Any time is a good time but especially during Festival. Leslie will be doing dance demonstrations and regalia making. The men will be making bandoliers and the women will be making pouches. You will not want to miss this. Leslie is extremely talented and is very willing to help us learn. You can visit the events page at Potawatomi.org for updates on the event and be on the lookout for postcard invitations.

Until next time...

“Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.” Nehemiah 9:19

I am honored to serve as your Representative. Please feel free to call or e-mail. I would love to hear from you!

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District 7—Mark Johnson



Bozho,

The 2013 Family Reunion Festival was a resounding success this year and provided the chance to reconnect with old friends and

relatives from across the country, and also the chance to make new friends and to meet with members from District 7. The Grand Entry on Saturday evening is always a special event as we dance to honor our founding families, and our heritage as a people who have survived and flourished despite the obstacles and hardships visited on us through the years.

On Sunday afternoon, I had the pleasure of touring the new hotel at the Grand Casino that is now open and the event center that will open later this year with Chairman Barrett and other members of the legislature. All members should take pride in these top of the line facilities that will help secure

our future as a Nation and help bring financial stability in the face what seems like the never ending attacks by the Oklahoma governor on tribal sovereignty and our ability to self-govern.

On August 24, I will be hosting an event at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 4th Street, Clovis, CA. in Board Rooms A and B. The event will feature a presentation by representatives of the Tribal Exchange on the Affordable Care Act insurance and the benefits as they pertain to Native Americans, they will also provide assistance to non-native spouses of members, the day will also feature regalia making and a video presentation by the cultural

heritage project. The event will be limited to the first 75 people who RSVP. A second event is scheduled for the Sacramento area on November 9 and postcards will be mailed when the location is confirmed. I hope you can join us and learn about the important benefits that will be available to our members who are currently uninsured.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you

are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

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District 8—Dave Carney



Bozho, Nikan –

We are back from the Family Festival and off to the Eugene gathering in a few weeks. I’m involved in lots of planning and preparation for both the dinner meeting and the naming ceremony the morning after. Often, I think of the ways in which we have to multi-task due to busy schedules and laugh. After a full day at my “day job” I came home to split firewood and am now soaking eagle feathers in a Borax solution

while writing this column.

As you may have heard from the Chairman, each person who receives their Potawatomi name is able to name others. This assures that there are probably never two naming ceremonies that are exactly the same. One of the things I do, that others might not, is to present the people I name with an eagle feather to commemorate the day. I have attached the feather to a wooden handle with some lacing and pony beads. That is why I’m soaking feathers in Borax tonight. When one receives feathers from the US Department of Wildlife, they may be in need of serious cleaning as they are harvested out in the wild (possibly even from a deceased bird). The “Citizen Potawatomi” way is to use a solution of water and Borax. Being unfamiliar in these things, when I first heard of this process, I was skeptical and wasn’t even sure I could even find the Borax. I can honestly say that I’m a believer after using

it. By the way, feathers received from the CPN Aviary are in much better shape when received.

When one receives an eagle feather, it is a responsibility as well a gift. The feather must not be given to anyone who is not a Native American (it is actually illegal). The feather(s) should be kept in a cedar box or sealed in some way to protect it from parasites. If feathers are dropped on the ground or disrespected in anyway, they must be “smoked off”. This is basically bathing the feathers in the traditional smoke of sage, sweet grass, cedar and tobacco.

By means of an update: The Festival this year was really exceptional. It seems like each year there are new things added. It is expensive for those of us with big families to get there, but I would encourage people to come if it is at all possible. My college age son stayed home this year, but my wife, 12 and 14 year

old boys and 10 year old daughter all came. The boys participated in several activities for the first time this year including a pool tournament and youth basketball. My ladies really enjoyed making beaded earrings in the Cultural Heritage Center. The grand entry and dancing Saturday night was great. My wife and I celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary, which always falls seems to fall during the Family Festival. Regarding the election: I was very pleased that my sister, Eva Marie Carney, was re-elected as the Legislator for District 2 by a wide margin. She does a fine job and I’m looking forward to working with her for the good of the Nation.

We were all amazed at the Nation’s progress: ball fields, the new arena and of course, the new Grand Casino Hotel Resort – a truly first class place to be proud of. Along with being proud of the “tangibles”, I should note something else that was also

impressive. The Nation’s language department (Justin Neely and Sam Navarre) and other CPN members manned the pow wow drum during the Friday night hand games. To my knowledge, this is the first time that we did not hire non-Potawatomi drummers. They sounded great and they deserve recognition.

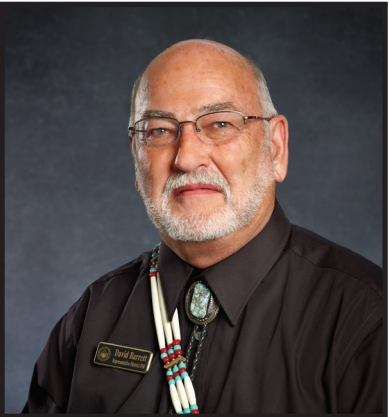
I hope to see many members in Spokane, WA on August 31. Part of the presentation will be photos and discussion about the 2013 festival. Please go to www.dave-carney.com for event information.

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Legislative Columns

District 10—David Barrett



Bozho,

Over these last couple of months, I have noticed a couple of things that I want to draw your attention to. Everyone knows that we completed our 2013 Festival, and what a Festival it was. The cool weather in the low 80s was a blessing in itself, but did you see or take another look at the front page of the July’s Hownikan and tell me that this didn’t capture a beautiful Grand Entry for 2013?

While I was growing up, I always remembered how the American

Flag was and should be shown with respect. At school we would say the Pledge of Allegiance each morning. Now I have observed from my granddaughter “Kyla” how excited she gets from seeing the American flag. We will be driving and all of a sudden she will scare you to death by yelling “Papa, the American flag!” when she sees it flying ahead of us. She was reciting the Pledge of Allegiance when she was barely over four years of age.

As a member of our Citizen Potawatomi Veterans Organization Color/ Honor Guard, we post or carry our colors (flags and/or Eagle staff) at many different functions. These include National Holiday parades, CPN’s Grand Entry at Festival, and other functions requesting our presence. Recently, we were asked to represent our Nation at the 50th Annual Sac and Fox Pow wow on July 13.

Saying this brings me to the point I want to mention about simple

flag etiquette.

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag. I am not going to list all the specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used, but here are some:

- The American flag should NEVER be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down ONLY as a distress signal. Please pay attention when there are other flags being carried and when they come to attention. The American flag is held high while all others are dipped. In the case of our CPN Color Guard, the Eagle Staff also remains upright.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose.
- The Flag should not be as part of a costume or athletic uniform. A flag patch may be used on the uniforms of military personnel, fireman, and members of patriotic organizations.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. It should be folded neatly and ceremoniously before being stored.
- When the flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a Symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner. The CPN Veterans Organization has a flag

retirement ceremony every Friday night at the Festival.

- When flying our American flag with other flags, the others may be smaller but none can be larger. Nor should others fly above it. The American flag is always the first raised and the last to be lowered.

Raising and Lowering the Flag: Our flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously. It is saluted as it is hoisted and lowered, and the salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of music, whichever is the longest.

Parading and Saluting the Flag: When carried in a procession, the flag should be to the right of all marchers. When other flags are carried, the flag of the United States may be centered in front of the others or carried to their right. When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.

The Salute: To salute, all persons come to attention. Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute. Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart.

The pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem: The pledge of allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag, and saluting. When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed to the flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation

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Lowering the flag at my son Chad Barrett’s home with my grandchildren.



The CPN Color Guard at the Family Festival flag retirement ceremony.

District 11 – Lisa Kraft



Our 2013 Family Reunion Festival, again, surpassed my expectations. I met tribal members, conversed with long-time friends and wise women (Ms. Mary), and learned more about new tribal enterprises. There are so many Potawatomi things to be proud of and give thanks for. I learn more perspective on our living history, our past and future, and always conclude that we are so alike. We all think Potawatomi most of the time. We do this in our everyday lives. We plan, we pursue, we care, we are proud, and we live our lives for family and the pursuit of personal success. We are all in becoming stages since most of us always strive to be better. Being a Pot, makes us better citizens. We see how a government can operate efficiently and with purpose when it follows its constitution to bring independence to a citizenship. Being a Citizen Potawatomi citizen encourages me that Local, State and Federal governments can learn from our model. When I sat down to write this article, it turned into a paper itself. I wanted to write about all of my experiences during Festival starting with a Thursday Legislative Working Dinner and ending with a Monday Special Legislative Session. I made some serious edits and decided to highlight some of the larger issues on my mind.

- The votes are in and my congratulations to Chairman John Rocky Barrett, Legislator Roy Slavin (District 1), Legislator Eva Marie Carney (District #2), Legislator Bob Whistler (District 3) and new Kansas Legislator Jon Boursaw. In all, the Election Committee received 1,804 requests for Absentee Ballots. This number is up from last year (1,682). In total, we had 1,454 votes (both absentee and live cast ballots).
- Elections: Having had the honor of serving with Theresa Adame since 2008, I say with a heavy

heart how much I will miss her wisdom and family perspective on our legislature. She was a strong advocate for women and health issues. She was also a positive presence for us in Kansas (District 4). Theresa Adame lost her seat to Jon Boursaw by a few votes (104 107). Theresa left some big shoes to fill. I wish her and her family all the best and hope to sit beside her again one day. Mr. Boursaw will make a fine contributor to Tribal History and Culture as he continues to work through the Cultural Heritage Center.

- Our Executive Leaders are amazing in how far they plan for our economic and social development. With that, we are seeing the first requests for 2014 budgets as administration compiles the data and interviews directors so that budget negotiations can proceed to our approval in the coming months. The tribe’s fiscal reporting year begins October 1, so budgets have to be approved in advance of that date and available to spend. Our Nation is administered by a highly efficient government; our citizens receive services and benefits by an impeccable tribal workforce. These top rate folks rival many private and city businesses. This success, while vital, also makes our tribe a political target. It has been like that throughout our history; success is a cornerstone of being a Citizen Potawatomi. But, that success is often the cause for change with respect to location and defending your home. Thank God for our young Potawatomi Leadership Participants. I pray they have the courage and patience to pursue Potawatomi ways well into the future and grow our reservation and homeland.
- Send a Letter: Tensions continue to run high between Oklahoma tribes and the Governor of Oklahoma. If you reside in Oklahoma, I urge you to write Governor Fallin (Oklahoma State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or Tulsa Office of Governor Mary Fallin, 440 S. Houston Ave., Suite 304, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127). Please ask her to schedule a visit with the Legislature of the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation and tour our facilities. I think there is common ground with the Governor, but she has not made the connection with our tribal leadership because she is unaware of how unique our Constitution is---the only one like it in America. I truly feel Mrs. Fallin and our Executive and Legislative Leadership can make a better introduction and strategize how to work better together. I would like to discuss how tourism, economic development, self-governance, and federal grants and contracts can be a win-win for our tribe and Oklahoma.

- Special Legislative Session: We also voted to amend the Business Leasing Ordinance (14-01-App) and look for BIA approval of leasing our trust lands later this fall. Our Nation now owns 60% of the Firelake Township with over 5400 acres in fee and trust (not including allotments). We can accomplish great things in our local community by expanding our tribal jurisdiction and improving municipal services such as water quality.

The tribe now owns interest in 26 of the 77 allotments. Once the tribe becomes an interest owner, which it rightfully does through the probate process, the tribe can then begin the process of buying interest of the allotment to convert it back to public ownership of the original reservation land. Over 1,200 tribal members still own interest in their inherited reservation land (surface and mineral). My family is among them. I believe fractionated interest ownership is unfortunate when it passes out of Potawatomi hands and that we should make legal changes to prohibit these interests from going to another tribe or non-Indian. If you want to sell your allotment interests to the tribe, please contact Director Charles Meloy in Tribal Real Estate Services at 405-395-0113. Or, like my family, form a family land management committee. Ours is headed by the matriarch and largest interest holder.

- Legislative Presentation and Dinner: We had a presentation regarding federal healthcare reform over dinner our first night together. We talked about many projects that are underway, planned, and

proposed. I am a proponent for Storm Shelter Manufacturing, Tribal Business Leasing, Federal Construction Contracting, and even a Columbarium. I am interested in Indian community development which includes building bricks and mortar, building safe neighborhoods, and providing final resting places for our members and their families. I would also like to see our Housing Department create a program very similar to the mortgage down payment refinance assistance program (\$2,000 proposed amount) where members can request a one-time reimbursement for home energy savings upgrades (insulated doors, Low-E windows, water heater, smoke alarms, and lighting) or a safe room or storm cellar. It may not be possible with our approved Indian Housing Block Grant but perhaps through a federal HUD grant. We have accomplished so many things with our Housing Department thanks to Dr. Bob Carlile, our Housing Director. We say our retirement farewells to him with great thanks!

- Grand Hotel & Resort Tour: Several legislators were among the 300 tribal members who toured the new Grand Hotel and Event Center over Festival weekend. General Manager Steve Degraffenreid and IT and Security Director JT Summerlin walked us through the construction of the 2500-seat event center and four restaurants (trying for an opening concert by November), spa, entire top floor of the hotel, with views of the rooftop pool and our farm, and the Frank Lloyd Wright inspired lobby and conference rooms. There are 262 rooms and 24-hour room service as well as interactive technology at your fingertips.
- Ken and Josh Heupel’s 8th Annual “Day of Champions” Football Camp: My son was one of 100 kids that showed up to sweat and study the art of football mental and physical awareness. Several top NFL and college players and coaches made the two-day camp well structured. It was great! Camp Coordinator and Firelake Wellness Center Fitness Coordinator Sarah Lawerance did an outstanding job. The

Ballfields at Firelake were a memorable venue for the camp. During dinner with fellow legislators and camp coaches, Ken Heupel remarked several times that he has traveled the country far and wide and never come across a better facility or such prideful employees. Josh Heupel commented that, “our Nation is doing it all right!” My thanks to Sarah and also Jason O’Connor, Director The Ballfields at Firelake.

- Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art: I also had the pleasure of touring the Ernest Oberholzer photographic exhibit at the Mabee-Gerrer museum. The photos depict the Rainy Lake Ojibwa from 1909 through 1940. It was like seeing a glimpse of our Potawatomi people living in the Great Lakes at a time when traditional ways were blending with American culture on the eve of World War II. They held this exhibit over Festival weekend because so many of our members go to St. Gregory’s campus to see this gem of a museum. If you live locally, please support it. If you live regionally, plan a stay at our new resort and come see the treasures. The collections are remarkable. Thanks Director Dane Pollei for holding it over for us.

I close with a prayer to Father Matthew Brown who passed away July 12. Father Matthew spent 70 years as a monk at St. Gregory’s Abbey. I met him in 1998 when I worked as the tribal archaeologist. He was the pastor of Sacred Heart Abbey. I’ll always think about him when I see a hummingbird; the day I met him, dozens hummed about him as we talked on his front porch and I learned more about my grandmother’s school days at St. Mary’s Academy.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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Chairman—John Barrett



Bozho, Nikanek (Hello, my friends)

I want to thank all of you in our tribe, as well as all of our friends in our sister Potawatomi tribes, for your generous response to the tragic losses our people incurred in the recent tornadoes. The cleanup and rebuilding process continues, and hopefully the healing of spirit that is so vital when one loses a home and treasured possessions.

Our tribe also lost a good friend and fellow Citizen Potawatomi recently with the passing of Tom Anderson of Dallas. He was a very successful businessman, a founder of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas, owner of Trinity Trailer Sales, and became, in his 80 years, a master story teller and consummate wit. He will be missed. His son Craig and Daughter-in-law Kim organized a farewell for him in

Dallas that featured his favorite music and began with childhood stories of Choctaw, Oklahoma by his brother John Anderson of Edmond, Oklahoma, and more stories by five or more close friends. It was a celebration of his life with anecdotes, laughter and warm words of regard, remembrance and friendship. It was one of those funeral services that made me hope, when my own time comes, that people will feel the way I felt when I left the service.

We are soon to depart for The Gathering of the Nations, held this year by the Pokagon Potawatomi in Dowagiac, Michigan. I hope many of you can come. The Gathering has changed a great deal since its inception some 30 years ago. As we have prospered as a people and our ability to provide for our guests and kin has grown, the degree of personal involvement has lessened. In some places, interest in the Gathering seems to be waning. Now that we all have hotels and hospitality staff, we are leaving a lot of it to the professionals. What we miss in this change, however, is the personal contact with our fellow Potawatomi that we once had, getting to know each other's kids and parents. I also miss the days when we cooked outside and all pitched in. They say "You only get as much out of something

as you put in." Maybe this year we will all decide to do it a little differently.

The new Grand Hotel is now open. We had a "soft" opening without much fanfare to get our staff ready for the grand opening in October that will also include the two new restaurants, performance venues, and new gaming facilities. So far, we have been getting rave reviews. My congratulations to the hotel staff, and a sincere "Migwetch!" for the extra effort to make our guests feel at home.

The new Quail Ridge Sporting Clays facility is now open on our property on McLoud Road one mile north of Interstate 40. Dave Martin and his crew have done a great job in developing this exciting addition to our tourism offering, along with our roads and construction staff. Quail Ridge has a skeet and trap range plus two sporting clays tracks, a big outdoor pavilion, electric cart rental and storage, and a clubhouse with training rooms, and a small "bunk house" room for 6 or 8 overnight guests. The clubhouse features food, ammunition, shotgun rental, and a pleasant environment for the whole family. Rumor has it that Oklahoma Baptist University will soon join several other universities in Oklahoma, including OU and OSU, with

both men's and women's intercollegiate skeet and trap teams - based at the new Quail Ridge! The Boy Scouts will also have a new facility to accomplish their shooting merit badges.

The new convenience store and smoke shop is very near opening. We installed the new underground fuel storage tanks last week and will be pouring the final concrete driveways next week. Look for the opening in August. This new business will allow us to develop the vacated space in the main FireLake Discount Foods store into two new restaurants. One will expand our existing Barbeque, deli sandwich, and bakery goods service with a large seating area where the tobacco drive-through used to be located. The other restaurants, located where the convenience store used to be, will be a surprise!

Ground breaking on the new McLoud Grocery Store will be in two weeks. The Nation received a generous federal grant to partially pay for this new business. The community badly needed a grocery store, as well as the jobs it will create.

Your tribal government is planning a strong initiative to improve your access to our Citizen Potawatomi tribal culture. We have our "own way" of doing things that has

evolved over many decades. All of you, as Citizen Potawatomi, are entitled to be a part of the rich ceremonial and cultural life we can provide at our facilities here at Tribal Headquarters. It belongs to each of you, just as the language is also your birthright. Very soon, we will begin some small old fashioned "get-togethers" around the state and the nation to dance, sing, drum, eat, laugh, and celebrate our heritage. Our hope is that some part of what we do will become a part of your regular family gathering's activities - that each of you will make it a priority to include something Potawatomi in what you do with family and friends for entertainment and fellowship. Just the other day, a friend told me that his family had begun a hand game when they have family gatherings. He had been a part of a hand game team at the last Heritage Festival and really had fun, so he is passing it along to the rest of his folks. Just give me a call if you want to make the inexpensive gear for a hand game. I would be delighted to help.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,

John Barrett-- Keweoge (He Leads Them Home)

Vice Chairman—Linda Capps



The spring tornados were devastating to those Oklahomans who lost their homes and personal property! Even if a person was spared personal destruction, there was emotional anguish for most Oklahomans due to the impact on

family and friends. With nearly ten weeks behind us, many people within our state have returned to normal life. To some there are few reminders left on their property of the terrible destruction. There are even people in some parts of the state who have been spared the unsightly ruin outside of television and newspaper coverage.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of Oklahomans who still must live with the reality of the storms on a daily basis. Many tribal members and their families remain in turmoil due to the tornado destruction. Some are even living in tents while waiting for permanent housing arrangements. The Nation recently held a dinner for the tornado victims who had

signed up for assistance through the CPN Employment and Training program. Although there were fewer tribal members at the dinner than expected, the outcome was quite successful.

A hardy "thank you" goes out to our staff members who attended the evening event to assist in whatever manner possible. The employees participating were: Patricia Burton; Sherry Byers; Karen Fullbright; Gina Koch; Angelique Williams; Margaret Zientek; Scott George; Kurtis Silas; Randy Story; and Tim Zientek. Tim Weddle, Director of the Bistro, arranged to feed the families with the help of Marcus Stagner and Julia Jones. Chairman Barrett was also in attendance

to give his encouragement and support to the tornado victims. In addition, there were three Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives present to assist the families.

My heart goes out to all the people who suffered loss. It is important to me that our readers are informed of our Nation's continued efforts to assist tribal members in various ways. We still offer clothing, food, and other necessities. We monitor the progress of those who have received assistance from the Nation. We are available to visit with families regarding major issues such as housing, transportation, fuel and employment. Please continue to hold tribal members and

their families in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle to overcome difficult storm-related problems.

It is my sincere wish that you feel free to call on me if the need arises. I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps

CPN District 6 Cultural Immersion

- **Unfolding the 7 Fires Prophecy**
- **Individual interviews for the CPN archives (optional)**
- **Making Bandoliers for men, pouches for women**
- **Dance Demonstration**
- **Revitalizing Tradition - Discussion**

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Lunch provided (rsvp important for meal count)
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CPN Legislative update

Following the conclusion of the 2013 Family Festival, the Legislature of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation met with a watching audience of Potawatomi Leadership Program and other tribal members at the tribal headquarters in Shawnee.

Resolutions were passed approving grant proposals to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. One proposal related to funding for the tribe in relation to adherence to the Clean Water Act, while the second was a grant proposal for the agency's Indian General Assistance Program.

Three fee-to-trust applications were approved for submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs that will take land into trust for non-gaming purposes. A lease agreement with Video Gaming Technologies, Inc. was approved to place 350 electronic gaming machines in the FireLake Grand Casino. An amendment to the tribe's Business Leasing Regulations was also approved. The purpose of the amendment is to allow the Nation the opportunity to enter long-term leases in accordance with recent changes in federal regulations relating to the HEARTH Act. In doing this, the tribe seeks to capitalize on economic development opportunities, increase the Nation's lease income, and further develop its sales tax base.

Amidst extremely strong thunderstorms blowing through the Shawnee area, the CPN Tribal

Legislators met on May 30.

Amidst the legislation passed was an amendment that updated the tribal Gaming Ordinance, an amendment to Title 12, Criminal Offenses section of the Tribal Code. The changes to the code relate to a wider definition of intentionally or recklessly committing criminal mischief on tribal grounds, which includes the defacement or damaging of private and public property. The threat of cybercrime was also addressed by defining the types of crimes that are punishable under the amended statute. Other amendments included specific punishments for abuse of game officials in sporting events, minors in possession of alcohol, and harassment using terrorist threats.

Approval was given on the submission of Federal grants for family violence prevention, juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, community services for children and families, lower income home and energy assistance and the 17th year of the tribe's diabetes program.

Trying to beat the oncoming storms, the legislature consolidated a number of resolutions, including rate approvals for Rural Water District 3 and confirmation of the members of the CPN Gaming Commission. Concluding, the legislature welcomed 183 applicants as new members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Walking On...



**Oatus Kenneth
"Ken" Green**

Oatus Kenneth "Ken" Green, 74, passed away on Saturday, May 18. He was born on April 14, 1939 in Slaton, Texas to George G. and Lillian Green.

He graduated from Slaton High School and went to the Army and served as a military policeman. After his service he graduated from Texas Tech University and moved to Midland in 1967, where he met the love of his life, Geriann. They were married in 1968 and they stayed in Midland to raise their three children, Anton, Gayle, and Kenneth.

Ken worked for GSI, Geosearch Seismic Processors, and later retired from Dawson Geophysical. He was an innovative programmer and technology wizard. He served as a chairman of the Board of Directors for Abacus Computers, an active member of the Geophysical Society and active supporter for the Doodlebug Open Golf Tournament. Ken was also a proud member of Potawatomi Nation.

Ken enjoyed being outdoors and his interests included: hunting, fishing, and 4-wheeling. He was a High School Soccer booster and a longtime season ticket holder for the Midland Rockhounds.

Ken is preceded in death by his parents, George and Lillian Green; and brothers, George and Earl Green.

He is survived by his wife, Geriann; sons, Anton Green, Kenneth Green and wife Danielle; daughter, Gayle Peterson and husband Chad; brother, Bill Green; sisters, Joan Green, Betty Orr, Venita Womack, and MaryRuth Gossett; five grandchildren, Amanda, Micah, Madilynn, Kenneth, Haleigh, and Zachary; and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

A memorial service was held May 21 at First Baptist Church of Midland. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Buffalo Trail Council BSA, 1101 W. Texas Ave., 79701 or Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Midland, 901 W. Dengar, 79705.



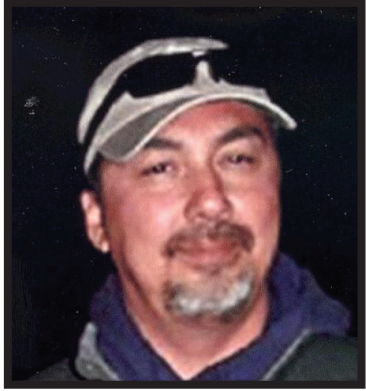
Joseph Edward Newman

Joseph Edward Newman, 41, of Gallup N.M., passed away Monday May 13, 2013. He is survived by his mother, Tanna Franz of Apple Valley, Calif.; his father George Newman of Macomb, Okla.; sister Dana Keys and husband Frank, niece Erika Keys; nephew Tristan Keys, all of Gallup, N.M., and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mr. Newman was preceded in death by his grandmother Lena Newman, grandfather Curtis Newman, and grandmother Naomi McGowan.

Joseph was born in Tucumcari, N.M. on July 2, 1971 and has lived in Lincoln, Neb. and Albuquerque, N.M. before settling in Gallup. He spent his life working construction and also as a retail associate. Joseph loved music, camping and spending time with his family and friends. But most of all he enjoyed making those around him laugh. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 20, 2013 at French Mortuary, with internment at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, N.M. Pallbearers

were Frank Keys, Bob Keys, Patrick Smith, Lee Ward, Elroy Tso and Valton Hutson.



James E. Anderson

James Early Anderson, 48, a resident of Sierra Vista since 1998, passed away May 1, 2013 at the Sierra Vista Regional Health Care Center. He was born February 25, 1965 in Seoul, South Korea, to Jimmie and Mikun Anderson.

James was a devoted husband and father. His family was the most important thing in his life. James served his country in the U.S. Army for eight years. He was a Desert Storm veteran and was honorably discharged in November 1992. From then until his death, he was employed as a computer specialist at FCI Tuscon.

James was preceded in death by his father, Jimmie C. Anderson. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Monika, of Sierra Vista; son, Michael Anderson and wife Connie of Flagstaff; daughter, Michelle Anderson of Naval Station Charleston, S.C.; mother, Mikun Anderson of Almagordo, N.M.; grandmother Edith Anderson of Cedarville, Kan.; brothers, Michael Anderson and wife Susan of Almagordo and Robert Anderson of N.C.; sister Debbie Rottman and husband Paul of Mo.

Graveside services with military honors were held May 7, 2013 at the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista, Ariz.



Lenora "Lee" Gordon

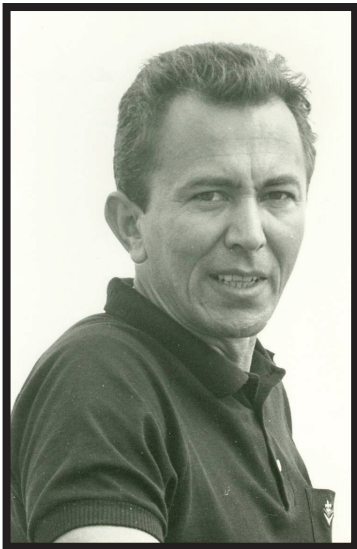
Lenora "Lee" Gordon, age 71, a 27-year resident of Bullhead City, 'Walking On' May 4, 2013 in Bullhead City, Ariz. She was born on December 30, 1941 in Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph W. Dunkle and Margaret E. Dunkle.

Lenora is survived by her husband, Merle Gordon; son, Harley Gordon; daughter, Sue Whitaker; daughter-in-law, Diney Horner; son-in-law, Ron Whitaker; brother, Samuel Dunkle; grandsons, Jeremy Seeley and Joshua Seeley; and many other loved ones, family and friends.

A memorial gathering will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, and at 6:00 p.m. the family will do a short memorial service at Tierra Verde Clubhouse, 4373 S. El Corro, Fort Mohave, Ariz., 86427.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to We Care Cancer Support Center, P.O. Box 20844, Bullhead City, AZ 86439, www.wecarecancersupport.com or call (928)704-5544 in honor of Lee Gordon.



Ray Herndon

Ray Herndon died on April 24, 2013 at the age of 87. He was born on August 13, 1925 in Dallas, Texas. His family moved to Oklahoma City when he was two. He attended Lincoln Grade School, Webster Junior High and Graduated from Central High School in 1943. When he reached 18 years old he enlisted in the Army Air Corps for World War II. When the war ended, he enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. After a year he went to an Art School in Los Angeles at the suggestion of Norman Rockwell. When he finished he returned to Oklahoma City and started his own Advertising Art Studio. His most well recognized artwork in the Oklahoma City area was the Eagle Logo used for Will Rogers World Airport.

He soon after went to work for Lowe Runkle Advertising as an Assistant Art Director. There he met his future wife Sue. He eventually left and started his own business and Sue left and went to work for the Oklahoma Publishing Company. After Ray and Sue were married they bought a new home in the Village. They did not know it at the time, but later discovered that the pastor who married them also married Sue's mother and father.

Ralph Wall, an artist friend of Rays from Oklahoma City, had moved to Houston and called him and said he had so much work that he wanted Ray to come down to Houston and be his partner. Ray and Sue sold their home in the Village and moved to Houston in 1962. Ray and Sue lived 42 years in Houston. While there, Ray never had to go and look for his commercial art business, it all came to him. He didn't even have an ad in the Yellow Pages.

Ray and Sue were both retired and they moved back to Oklahoma City in November 2004. Sue's health had been bad for a long time and she died on March 13, 2005. Ray was also preceded in death by his parents, Ray Sr. and Kittie Herndon and sister Virginia Springer. He is survived by two daughters, Jan McCall of McLoud and Kristie Massey of Edmond and niece Kathy Reinke of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by grandchildren Amy Clark and husband Paul, Dirk Bell Cody McCall, Sydney Turner, Christy McDaniel, Elizabeth Norman and husband Bill, Mary Ann Silva and Mykael Story and husband Brandon. Ray also had 20 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Ray was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Tribe and he loved to Gourd dance at Pow Wows whenever he could. Ray was a descendant of the Ogee Family. He was also very active in the Sports Car Club of America since 1956 both in Oklahoma and Houston. He held many offices while in the Sports Car Club serving as Director for the Houston Region. Ray was a member of River Oaks Baptist Church in Houston, Texas for 50 years at which he faithfully attended and served in many capacities.

Lived life doing what he loved.

He was a runner who continued to run until dementia made it impossible.

He was a sports car driver and later served within the SCCA by holding numerous offices and titles. He met and spoke with Paul Newman at a race Paul was racing in. Dad was thrilled.

He went on several cruises and frequently went to Sea Ranch, CA to spend a month or so in the summers.

He and Sue attended lots of Sports Car Club activities, races, rallies and such.

He was an avid photographer at one time and had his own darkroom for developing pictures.

He loved to work in the yard and it was always "just so"

He painted the side of his garage more than once with his original artwork.

He and Sue did everything together, he always said that your spouse HAS to be your best friend too.

He loved his friends and would get together with a group of them for lunch each time he visited Oklahoma City.

He was active in his Central High School Alumni Association and attended every event until his health declined.

He was very humble. It wasn't until about 10 years ago that he happened to mention as we pulled into the airport that he designed the eagle logo that had been there since the 1950's.

He told jokes.... yes, he told jokes.... a lot. Sue hated them, but she is the one that would sit at a manual typewriter and type page after page so he would have them handy. As one of his friends from church wrote in a card after he moved back here from Houston, "we will miss you, but not your jokes" Another group of his friends he met with on a regular basis gave him a Joke Book as a going away gift. No doubt they never would have given it to him if he wasn't leaving! After he moved back to Oklahoma he would drive to my (Kristie's) office every week and lug that huge joke book with pages marked so I could make copies on the copier. Then he would go home and meticulously cut out the ones he wanted to tell all of the residents of the Statesman's Club, (where he was living at the time), and one of them was so bothered she called the Village Police and they came and ask him to stop telling his jokes to her! It's ok, he was not long for that place anyway because he thought it was funny to flip people off in the dining room too and after a while the director called the family in for a meeting about his behavior. As my sister Jan and I tried to explain to dad that he could not do that in the dining room, he paused, looked at the director and flipped her off. He was asked to move out. He said that they just didn't have a sense of humor. I think he might have been right.

His whole personality changed as the dementia progressed and I prefer not to remember him after the changes.



Joe Dean Holloway

Joe Dean Holloway, of Midwest City, Okla. entered Heaven's gates June 6, 2013. He was born November 9, 1929, in Asher, Okla. to George and Ethel (Mosley) Holloway. He graduated in 1948 from Ashland High School. Joe was active in his church and loved being with his family. He was retired from Tinker Air Force Base as an aircraft mechanic.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Dolores Holloway; son, Tim Holloway and wife, Kathleen; daughter, Karri Wilson and husband, Steve; brother, George Holloway and wife, Lyndall; brother, Jerry Holloway and wife, Janette; brother, Rick Holloway; and sister, Peggy Lee and husband, Paul. He is also survived by his three adoring grandchildren, Easton Holloway, Pryce Holloway and Channing Holloway. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bobbie Stone; and brother, Carrel Holloway.

Services were held on Monday, June 10, 2013, at Midwest City Community Church of the Nazarene with graveside services

at Pryor Cemetery in Stuart, Okla. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Joe to MWC Community Church of the Nazarene.



Violet Moore

Violet Moore, 72, of Shawnee, died peacefully May 24, 2013 in Shawnee.

Violet was born Feb. 1, 1941 at Concho Indian Hospital to S.J. and Maybelle Patterson. She lived in Tecumseh and Harjo, and graduated from Harjo High School.

Violet worked at Sylvania and Western Electric and was a homemaker in her later years. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

Violet loved to garden and grew beautiful flowers. She was also an excellent cook and made delicious pies and chicken and noodles. She enjoyed driving her Hoveround around her neighborhood and visiting with her friends.

Violet will be remembered for giving her heart.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Delores Lamirand, Betty Moon, Patricia Foughty and Diana Patterson.

She is survived by two sons, Tony Moore of Idabel, Jackie Moore of Shawnee, daughters, Shari Moore, Tanya Couteau, Tara Moore of Shawnee; grandchildren, Skylar Moore, Liz Dockery, Lacinda and Sara Reeser; great-grandchildren, Colby Moore, Mikyle and Mikyla Rattle and Devin Ballard; brother, Arlyn Patterson of Eufaula; and sister and brother-in-law Martha and Dean Clement of Mounts; aunt Nettie Poynor of Arkansas; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

A memorial will be at a later date.



Isabelle Earlene Gravitt

Isabelle Earlene Gravitt, 81, passed from this life on Sunday, June 2, 2013 in Broken Arrow, Okla. Isabelle also known as "Isie" was born in Sand Springs, Okla. on September 6, 1931 to Edward and Bertha (Eigel) Crumbo. Mr and Mrs. Crumbo had nine children who were raised and attended schools in Sand Springs.

Ms. Gravitt served in housekeeping at Oak Dale Manor for many years. In her spare time she enjoyed fishing, camping, and sewing. Isabelle could also be found many times working in her garden which she nourished for years.

Surviving Isabelle are her daughters, Linda Newnam and husband Richard, and Margaret Henson and husband Ed; sisters, Norma Bright and husband Paul, Mary Carter, Carol Cox; brother, Donald Crumbo and wife Carol; grandchildren, Crystal Robinson, Jason Henson, and Alicia Dobey; eleven-great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edward and Bertha Crumbo; son, John Gravitt; brothers, Carl Crumbo and James Crumbo; and sisters, Betty Hillstead and Mert Short.

A funeral service was held June 7, 2013 at the Mobley-Dodson Chapel with Chaplain Randy Shaddox officiating. Interment followed at Woodland Memorial Park.